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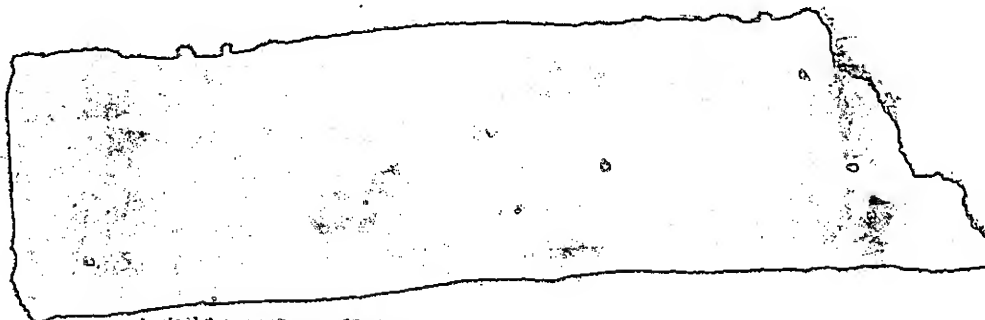
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Brief description of activity or material MATTHEWS maintains had no part of BLACKWELL BOMBING. Identifies J. L. HARPER & JOE DANIEL HAWKINS & two more did bombing. MATTHEWS & HARRY KELLEY visit SAM BOWERS re case. HINDS APWR meets 4-16-68; MATTHEWS bomb system explained.		File where original is located if not attached <div>FOIA(b)7 - (D)</div>

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Jackson, Mississippi
April 17, 1968

BLACKWELL REALTY BOMBING:

Source advised that he had had conversation with L. E. MATTHEWS, JR. on April 16, 1967 concerning his arrest in connection with the above bombing. MATTHEWS maintained that the night of the bombing he was in Crystal Springs, Miss. with Mrs. ELAINE SMITH, who he claims will testify to this fact. In connection with the planning of the bombing at BURRIS DUNN, JR's. residence, MATTHEWS claimed that on the night of February 11, 1967 he had been at DUNN's home but that he had left before it was planned. Source pointed out that about a week previous to this conversation, MATTHEWS had told source that he was at a loss to understand why [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had not also been arrested as he too was at the party at BURRIS DUNN's residence, and that he MATTHEWS specifically recalled leaving with [REDACTED]

MATTHEWS continued that it is his information that the FBI has a palm print taken as evidence after the bombing, but that it could not be one of those involved as they wore gloves. MATTHEWS said that there were four people in on this bombing, at the scene, J. L. HARPER, JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and two others whom he refused to name. MATTHEWS volunteered that one MIKE BROWN of Plain told him that a Grand Juror had told BROWN what transpired at the Grand Jury proceeding, and that the GJ heard testimony that SAM BOWERS, BURRIS DUNN, JR., [REDACTED] and J. L. HARPER were the individuals who did the actual bombing in this case.

MATTHEWS stated he had nothing to do with the BLACKWELL bombing, but that he was guilty of conspiracy in the bombing of the Synagogue, Rabbi NUSSBAUM's residence, and the home of ROBERT KOTCHITSKY, recently in Jackson, Mississippi.

MATTHEWS reported to source that HARRY KELLEY and he had gone to Laurel, Mississippi on 4-16-68 to discuss their arrests with SAM BOWERS. They also visited BURRIS DUNN'S wife father and mother, city not recalled, obviously attempting to locate KATHERYN DUNN and ROBERT WILSON. MATTHEWS said that if the FBI did not or does not have paid informers, the group cannot be convicted for this bombing. MATTHEWS said eventually the FBI will get him on the above three bombings, but claimed that he was either in Los Angeles or Louisiana at the time of one of the bombings. Source pointed out that MATTHEWS made the trip to Los Angeles as Governor of the NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION.

L. E. MATTHEWS, JR.:

MATTHEWS advised that he has lost his contract with Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson, with Drake Electric getting it.

MATTHEWS was in Crystal Springs Sunday night 4-14-68. From something he said it was indicated he had probably spoken to a group, told them that if they weren't going to do anything, then it was time for them to get out of the organization. He was observed to have called ELAINE SMITH on several occasions, wanted to spend the night with her, but apparently was refused. MATTHEWS was gone for about two hours at one time, but his whereabouts were unknown. He was questioned as to whether he was with JOE BERTCH, but he answered negatively.

MATTHEWS was questioned as to whether BYRON DE LA BECKWITH had anything to do with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he said "no, why don't you ask de la (BECKWITH)"

MATTHEWS showed how he mounts a regular alarm clock on a board, the clock to a mercury switch which turns over when it reaches the appointed place on the alarm, making connection between the switch, a 6 volt or cell battery, which has electrical caps connected thereto. He used in place of the caps for demonstration purposes a small light bulb.

Source checked the carbine of L. E. MATTHEWS and determined that it does not have an M-2 conversion kit on it. He is again hauling it around in the back seat of his car, has a pistol in his pocket most of the time, and another on his car seat.

APWR, HINDS COUNTY, MEETING, 4-16-68:

This meeting was held at the Red Hill Baptist Church near Byram, Miss. with the President ROY CAMPBELL in charge. ELMORE GREAVES spoke on the differences between white and Negro people. Mrs. CAMPBELL, Dr. and Mrs. A. E. COPELAND, HARRY KELLEY, L. E. MATTHEWS, JR., ELAINE SMITH, PAT & NELL THOMAS, BURRIS DUNN, JR., DANNY HAWKINS & WIFE, BENNIE WALDRUP & WIFE, BUS BOBBITT, ANN BARBER, CATHY AINSWORTH, JESSIE MC RIGHT & wife. There were a number of others present that source did not know, but it was one of the largest meetings held to date, that source has attended.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM SA JAMES O. INGRAM

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Investigation conducted to date indicates ERIC STARVO GALT has either established or alleged residences in the following field divisions mentioned: Atlanta, Birmingham, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Mobile.

GALT listed on Alabama driver's license he was born 7/20/31, city and state not listed (this has not been verified.) Bureau has pointed out that Selective Service inquires had been made regarding the three names known to have been used by suspect GALT, LOYMEYER, and WILLARD, however, there remains a number of years in subject's background not accounted for. In normal procedures, subject would have been required to register, if such was done, on or about July 20, 1949, or at least within a two-week period thereafter.

The local Selective Service boards should be contacted for a review of registrants in the pertinent period. The possibility exists some data may be developed re familiar names or some other items that may lead to establishing the identity of the subject in this case. Each Agent assigned a county should contact local boards and review appropriate records.

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1 - SA DAVID H. PHILLIPS
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 ATLANTA 44-2386 JACKSON
BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

MURKIN.

RE LATELS APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST AND APRIL EIGHTEEN INSTANT.
RE POSSIBLE SUSPECT RICHARD A. WORKS WITH MISSISSIPPI
REGISTRATION TWO NINE DASH FOUR SEVEN ZERO ZERO.

RICHARD A. WORKS INTERVIEWED AT HOME OF SISTER, GLENDA
LESTER, GLENDALE, CALIF. STATED HE WAS IN FULTON, MISS., ENTIRE
DAY OF APRIL FOUR LAST AND COULD BE VERIFIED BY BILLY WALLACE,
USED CAR DEALER, FULTON; GLEN BESLEY, COFFEE SHOP OWNER, FULTON;
AND MRS. LEE JUNIOR PHILLIPS, EMPLOYEE AT FULTON HOSPITAL WHERE
WORKS WIFE HOSPITALIZED UNTIL APRIL FIVE LAST. WORKS DEPARTED
FULTON APRIL ELEVEN LAST FOR LOS ANGELES.

JACKSON SHOULD VERIFY WORKS' PRESENCE IN FULTON PERTINENT
DATE.

RE MAP FOUND IN STORAGE ROOM, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

FIELD INTERROGATION CARDS CHECKED FOR SUBJECT AND
AKA'S AT WEST LOS ANGELES AND HOLLYWOOD PD'S

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THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED OLYMPIC AND HEATH, VICINITY OF PARK, ALFRED AND OLYMPIC, MASSELIN AND OLYMPIC, WOODRUFF AND BEVERLY GLEN, WARNALL AND BEVERLY GLEN, AND SUNSET AND PALM DRIVE, WITH OUT AFFECTING ANY IDENTIFICATION. FIELD INTERROGATION CARDS BEING CHECKED AT BEVERLY HILLS PD.

ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS BEING CONDUCTED AT REMAINING MARKED LOCATIONS ON MAP AND ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD BEING CONDUCTED AT SUNSET AND PALM AND FINAL RESULTS OF FIELD INTERROGATION CHECKS WILL BE OBTAINED.

RE ORIGIN OF RECAP TIRES ON WHITE MUSTANG

IN REGARDS TO ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE THE PLACE WHERE GALT MAY HAVE PURCHASED THE RECAP REAR TIRES FOUND ON THE AUTO ABANDON BY HIM IN ATLANTA CHECKS WITH BOTH THE L.A. MATRIX COMPANY, FIVE FIVE THREE ZERO BORWICK, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA AND ACE TIRE MOLD COMPANY, ONE EIGHT ONE SEVEN SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA REFLECT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE MOLD MARKED "RGT" INASMUCH AS THE L.A. MATRIX COMPANY DOES NOT MARK THEIR MOLDS AND THE ACE TIRE MOLD COMPANY ONLY MARKS THE MOLDS UPON REQUEST BY THE CUSTOMER. BOTH COMPANIES SHIP

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THEIR MOLDS NATIONALLY AND THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF SUCH MOLDS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALONE. NO RECORDS IN EITHER COMPANY REFLECT THE INITIALS "RGT" OR A CUSTOMER'S NAME WHICH WOULD LOGICALLY PRODUCE SUCH INITIALS. OWNERS AT BOTH COMPANIES ADVISED THE ONLY WAY THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE REAR TIRES ON GALT'S AUTO AS BEING RECAPPED FROM ONE OF THE MOLDS SOLD BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPANIES WOULD BE IF THEY HAD A PHOTO OR REPRODUCTION OF THE TREAD ON THE TIRES AS THESE TREAD MARKS ARE UNIQUE TO EACH COMPANY.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN DETAILED REPRODUCTIONS OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TIRE TREAD AND FORWARD SAME TO LOS ANGELES IN ORDER THAT FURTHER EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE MOLD MAY BE UNDERTAKEN.

RE: ERIC LEROY CASEY - SUSPECT:

CASEY, WHITE, MALE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AT

TUCKER, ARIZONA TODAY. CASEY DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTOGRAPH FURNISHED IN THIS CASE AND POLORID PHOTOS OF CASEY TAKEN. CASEY HAS BEEN IN CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS, COMING TO CALIFORNIA FROM AMARILLO, TEXAS. STATED WAS ARRESTED
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS NINETEEN SIXTY ONE FOR LVER ACT VIOLATION
SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED NINETEEN MONTHS SENTENCE. STATED HAD
NUMEROUS OTHER ARRESTS FOR VAGRANCY AND DRUNK. STATED ATTENDED
BARTENDING SCHOOL, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, UNTIL APPROXIMATELY
TWO MONTHS WHEN HE MET HAYES PUFHAL. THEREAFTER TOGETHER WITH
PUFHAL THEY PROSPECTED DESERT AREAS NEAR TRONA, CALIFORNIA,
VIDAL, CALIFORNIA AND ARE PRESENTLY PROSPECTING IN THE HILLS
NEAR EARP, CALIFORNIA. PRESENT ADDRESS: GENERAL DELIVERY,
EARP, CALIFORNIA. CASEY HAS FIVE TO SIX MONTHS GROWTH OF
HAIR AND PRESENTLY HAS HANDLEBAR MUSTACHE, APPROXIMATELY
TWO MONTHS OLD. FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION WAS OBTAINED OF CASEY:
HEIGHT FIVE FOOT EIGHT, WEIGHT ONE FOUR FIVE, HAIR BROWN,
EYES HAZEL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SELECTIVE SERVICE

NUMBER THREE FOUR DASH SEVEN FOUR DASH FOUR FOUR DASH EIGHT
EIGHT NINE, SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD SEVEN FOUR, TULSA,
OKLAHOMA, NEAREST RELATIVE: STEPMOTHER, MRS. ISABELLA
LEWIS, FOUR ONE ONE AND ONE HALF SUNSET BOULEVARD, CLAREMORE,
OKLAHOMA. HAVING IN POSSESSION TEXAS DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER
SIX TWO THREE TWO EIGHT ZERO NINE. HAS CUT SCAR AND NOTICEABLE
IN MIDDLE OF UPPER LIP.

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RE PURCHASE OF DUCK-BILL PLIERS AT ROMPAGE HARDWARE
INTERVIEWS OF PURCHASERS OF PLIERS AT ROMPAGE HARDWARE,
LA, CONDUCTED AND NEGATIVE.

RE NEWSPAPER AD MATERIAL FOUND IN MUSTANG
BOTH NEWSPAPER SCRAPS BEARING CLASSIFIED ADS. FOUND
IN MUSTANG WERE FROM LOS ANGELES TIMES, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER NINETEEN,
SIXTY SEVEN, PAGES FIVE ONE THROUGH FIVE FOUR. ADDRESS OF SIX
TWO SIX ALVARADO FOUND ON PAPER NEGATIVE RE GALT.

RE ANITA KATZWINKEL, GINGER DAY, AND FLIKIEDS
NEITHER ANITA KATZWINKEL, GINGER DAY, NOR THE FLIKIEDS
KNOWN TO CHARLES STEIN AND RITA STEIN. STEINS THINK TV SET IN
PHOTO SAME AS ONE FORMERLY OWNED BY MARIE MARTIN. MARTIN NOT
AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. FURTHER ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW MARTIN.

RE IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTO OF GALT BY JEROME VERNON
JEROME WALLIS VERNON, ONE TWO FOUR SIX WOODBURY
COURT, UPLAND, CALIF., EXHIBITED PHOTOGRAPHS OF ERIC STARVO
GALT TODAY AND ADVISED THAT ONE WITH EYES OPEN BEST LIKENESS.
THINKS PHOTOS REFLECT GALT LOST WEIGHT SINCE PHOTO TAKEN AND
LAST TIME VERNON SAW HIM ON MARCH FOURTEEN LAST. DOESN'T RECALL
A DOULBE CHIN AND THOUGHT GALT HAD FLATTOP HAIRCUT.

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RE HOMER WESLEY GALT POSSIBLE RELATIVE

HOMER WESLEY GALT, ONE ZERO TWO TWO EAST SANTA ANITA, BURBANK, CALIF., ADVISED NAME ERIC STARVO GALT AND INDIVIDUAL IN PHOTOS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

RE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING MEXICAN CAR INSURANCE INVESTIGATION AT MEXICAN TOURIST BUREAU, LA; MEXICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, LA; AND INSURANCE COMPANIES WRITING MEXICAN CAR INSURANCE CONDUCTED AND NO RECORD LOCATED FOR ERIC STARVO GALT.

LOS ANGELES HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS CALLS FROM LOCAL CITIZENS AS RESULT OF PUBLICITY AND ALL LEADS BEING PURSUED EXPEDITIOUSLY. RESULTS NEGATIVE TODAY.

LOS ANGELES CONTINUING TO DEVELOP INFORMATION LEADING TO APPREHENSION OF GALT.

GALT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

COPY OF THIS TELETYPE BEING SENT TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA AIR MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) ATLANTA JACKSON
FROM BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN

RESLTEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

RE DANCE SCHOOL PROJECT, SUSPECT ~~AARON ISAAC LOFTON~~.
REVIEW OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE FILE AT USAIRR, FORT

HOLABIRD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, REFLECTS AARON ISAAC LOFTON,
BORN OCTOBER TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN THIRTY-FOUR, IN
LINCOLN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WAS SUBJECT OF FAVORABLE
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION COMPLETED APRIL TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN
FIFTY-FIVE, RESULTING IN HIS BEING GRANTED TOP SECRET AND
CRYPTOLOGIC CLEARANCES MAY TWELVE, NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, FOR
MILITARY ASSIGNMENT AS PRIVATE, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER RA TWO
FOUR NINE ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN TWO, WITH UNITED STATES ARMY
SECURITY AGENCY. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE SINCE MAY, NINETEEN
FIFTY-FIVE.

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COPIES STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY DATED FEBRUARY
TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, AND ARMY REPORT OF
INVESTIGATION DATED APRIL TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE,
BEING FORWARDED AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY THIS DATE TO
BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, DCII,
FORT HOLABIRD, MARYLAND, CHECKED TODAY WITHOUT LOCATING ANY
RECORD OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1053AM URGENT 4-17-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
ATLANTA, JACKSON, BALTIMORE.,
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3-P

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE CALL SAC ROY MOORE, JACKSON, TO ST. LOUIS,
APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, REQUESTING XEROX COPIES OF SERVICE RECORD
OF AARON ISAAC LOFTON BE SENT BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AND
JACKSON.

RE: DANCE SCHOOL PROJECT, SUSPECT AARON ISAAC LOFTON.
COPIES OF LOFTON SERVICE RECORD FORWARDED AMSD THIS DATE.
JACKSON REQUEST ANY EXAMINATION DESIRED AND SET FORTH ANY
LEADS NOT SET FORTH HEREIN.

REVIEW OF SERVICE RECORD FOR LOFTON THIS DATE REVEALED
HE ENLISTED ARMY JANUARY TWENTYFOUR FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON, MISS.,
ASN RA TWO FOUR NINE ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN TWO. HONORABLY
DISCHARGED, CONVENIENCE OF GOVERNMENT, AS SP THREE (T),
WALTER REED HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., NOVEMBER ONE FIFTYSEVEN,
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AND TRANSFERRED TO RESERVE, MISS. MILITARY DISTRICT. RESERVE
OBLIGATION TO FEBRUARY EIGHT SIXTYTWO. PREVIOUSLY SERVED MISS.
NATIONAL GUARD, ONE FIVE FOUR INFANTRY BATTALION. HAD CANAL
ZONE FOREIGN SERVICE.
GRANTED TOP SECRET CLEARANCE MAY TWELVE FIFTYFIVE, DOSSIER
NUMBER E THREE ZERO ZERO FIVE ONE TWO SEVEN.

MILITARY OCCUPATION MORSE INTERCEPTOR; CIVILIAN STUDENT
AND INTERIOR DECORATOR. SHARPSHOOTER MEDAL, M DASH ONE AND
CARBINE. NO COURTS-MARTIAL OR AWOL. SUFFERED PARTIAL HEARING
LOSS.

RESIDENCE AT ENLISTMENT AND DISCHARGE P.O. BOX SIX FOUR,
SUMMIT (PIKE), MISS., HOME OF PARENTS, AARON ALTON AND AGNES
NUNNERY LOFTON. BROTHER AND COUSIN MENTIONED, NO NAMES GIVEN.
LAST ADDRESS ELEVEN SIXTYFOUR OGILVIE N.E., ATLANTA,
DECEMBER, FIFTYNINE.

BORN OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT, THIRTYFOUR, BROOKHAVEN, MISS.

DESCRIPTION: WHITE MALE, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-
FIVE POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, RIGHT EYE HAZEL, LEFT GREEN, CONGENITAL
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HETEROCHROMIC RIGHT IRIS, SINGLE, ONE SEMESTER SW MISS. JR. COLLEGE, COMMERCE MAJOR, SUMMIT, MISS., SS BOARD SIXTYTWO,

MC COMB, MISS., NUMBER TWO TWO SIX TWO THREE FOUR TWO EIGHT THREE. CLAIMED HAD SUFFERED WHOOPING COUGH, RUNNING EARS, HAY FEVER, ASTHMA, AND FREQUENT INDIGESTION.

BALTIMORE, REVIEW MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FILE RE LOFTON. *advised*

ATLANTA, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE LOFTON AT LAST ADDRESS AND DETERMINE ANY CONNECTION THIS CASE. *Handle*

JACKSON, DETERMINE LOFTON WHEREABOUTS. ADVISE BUREAU NATURE OF ANY EXAMINATION OF SERVICE RECORD DESIRED AND SET FORTH ADDITIONAL LEADS DEEMED PERTINENT.

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Date: 4/18/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau tel, 4/16/68.

RE: DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

The Bureau has previously been advised that no driver's license could be located for subject under names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD or variations of these names.

JOHN PITTS, Computer Department, MHSP, Driver's License Bureau, advised 4/17/68, they have checked the complete files for the State of Miss., under the birthdate of 7/20/31 and out of 1,200,000 records checked through their IBM machines, 30 individuals, all white males with birthdate 7/20/31, were selected by the computer.

Jackson Office is presently conducting appropriate investigation regarding the 30 individuals for any pertinent information connected with this case. The Bureau, Office of Origin, and Atlanta will be advised of the results.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of the above, the attached inserts/302s, itemized below, have been marked for indexing and filing in the Jackson file:

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, JR. (insert)
FERRALL L. MC CORMICK (memo)
MORDAUNT W. HAMILTON (memo)
A.G. MC PHAIL (302)
HENRY IVY (302)
LEON ELLIS (memo)
TOM NELSON DAVIS ~~(memo)~~ x 302
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

On April 4, 1968, at approximately 8:00 PM,
BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, JR., South Meridian Street,
Aberdeen, Mississippi, telephone Number 369-4550, was
contacted by SA BRENT W. WARBERG and it was determined
that he had been at home all night and had been in
Aberdeen, Mississippi during that day.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-5328)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. AWE

SUBJECT: FERRALL L. MC CORMICK
RM - K

Mrs. MC CORMICK, 5008 Highway 80 West, Jackson, Mississippi, advised this date that her husband, FERRALL L. MC CORMICK, is presently employed by the Noble Drilling Co. with offices in New Orleans. He works on an oil rig somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico and is not scheduled to return to Jackson until the first part of next week. She stated it is customary for him to work seven days and be off seven days.

A teletype has been sent to New Orleans this date requesting them to establish the whereabouts of MC CORMICK during the pertinent period of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. New Orleans was requested to sutel information this date.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-714)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : Edgar C. Fortenberry, SA

SUBJECT: MORDAUNT W. HAMILTON
RM - KLAN

MORDAUNT W. HAMILTON

On 4/5/68, Charles G. Morgan, former Deputy Sheriff, Forrest County Sheriff's Office, who resides Petal, Miss., and who is well acquainted with Mordaunt W. Hamilton, advised SAs Edgar C. Fortenberry and J. L. Martin, that at approximately 5:40 PM or 5:45 PM on 4/4/68, he observed Hamilton traveling on Main Street, Petal, Miss. Mr. Morgan stated that Hamilton came from the direction of Hattiesburg, Miss., where Hamilton operates, Polk Hardware Co. 116 Market St., Hattiesburg.

Mr. Morgan stated he has known Hamilton for several years and has talked to him on several occasions, and there is no doubt that he saw Hamilton at the above location at the above time.

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Date 4-5-68

Mr. A. G. McPHAIL, owner, McPHAIL'S Gulf Service Station, corner West Capitol Street and Ellis Avenue, advised that CHARLES ROBERT GREENE is employed by him as a service station attendant.

Mr. McPHAIL stated that GREENE was on the job at the service station on April 4, 1968, and that he knows he was working at the station between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on April 4, 1968.

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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR. WWP/wwp Date dictated 4-5-68

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Mr. ~~HENRY~~ IVY, attendant, McPhail's Gulf Service Station, West Capitol Street and Ellis Avenue, advised that he and CHARLES ROBERT GREENE were on duty at the service station on April 4, 1968, and that they were both on duty during the period 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on April 4, 1968.

On 4-5-68 at Jackson, Miss.

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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR. WWP/wwp

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3307)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT: JOE DANIEL HAWKINS
RM (KLAN)

VERIFICATION OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS ON 4/4/68

On 4/5/68 Mr. LEON ELLIS, Assistant Terminal Manager, Braswell Motor Freight Lines, Highway 80 East, Jackson, Miss., advised that JOE DANIEL HAWKINS worked on the loading dock at this company on April 4, 1968. He checked in on the time clock at 7:58 A.M., went to lunch from 11:55 A.M. to 12:48 P.M., and checked out at 5:06 P.M. In addition, HAWKINS is also working today, 4/5/68. He checked in to work at 8:04 A.M.

Mr. ELLIS advised he had observed no unusual activity in regard to HAWKINS during the past few days.

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Date April 10, 1968

TOM NELSON DAVIS, South Acres Drive, New Albany, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) Substation, at New Albany, Mississippi. He voluntarily appeared for interview.

TOM NELSON DAVIS was warned of his rights by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN and waived them, but refused to sign the Warning and Waiver form. He advised that he fully understood his rights and did not desire to execute any waiver until he learned the nature of the purposed interview.

When questioned concerning his activities on April 4, 1968, TOM NELSON DAVIS advised that he was at his home on South Acres Drive, in New Albany, Mississippi, at approximately 4:00 P.M., when his cousin ROY HARDY, who resides on Highway 30 East, stopped by his house and offered him a drink of whiskey. DAVIS pointed out that he lived at this residence with his mother, and suggested that they drive to the Beacon Hill Drive-In, located west of New Albany. He stated that he drove his 1967 white Mustang, and was followed by his cousin, ROY HARDY, in HARDY's pickup truck. He stated they sat in the truck for a few minutes in front of a small cafe, and each had a drink of whiskey.

He estimated that he left the area of the Beacon Hill area between 4:30 and 5:00 P.M., alone, driving his white Mustang, and stated he was en route to Memphis. He explained that he had planned to meet friends, BETTY SMITH and BOBBY EARWOOD, at the Manhattan Club, Highway 51 South, located just north of Lil Abners Tavern in South Memphis.

On 4/8/68 at New Albany, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER and
SA ROBIN O. COTTEN:ROC:bal Date dictated 4/9/68

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He recalled that he drove to Holly Springs, Mississippi, and stopped at a whiskey store, located on the north side of the square, where he purchased a pint of Old Charter whiskey. Thereafter, he stated that he drove on United States Highway 78 to a Savings Gas Station, located just north of Holly Springs, Mississippi, on the east side of the road, and stated he asked to see a friend, JUNIOR KIRKINDAL, who previously had allowed him to purchase gasoline on credit in the amount of \$3.00. He stated that he inquired concerning KIRKINDAL, and learned from a "redheaded boy" who was employed there, that KIRKINDAL was not working at that time. He advised that he paid this "redheaded boy" \$3.00, and in return was given his gasoline charge ticket.

He recalled that almost immediately, after he got back into his Mustang and turned on the radio, he heard a newscast concerning the shooting of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis. He stated that he continued listening to the newscast until he arrived at the Tennessee-Mississippi state line on United States Highway 78, where he stopped at a beer joint located on the east side of the highway, just a few feet south of the Tennessee state line, located in Mississippi. He advised he had been there on previous occasions and knows the owner only by sight, and stated he is certain the owner knows him as a customer, but not by name. He stated he talked with the owner, described only as a white male in his fifties, and stated they discussed the KING shooting. He advised he drank one beer and ate a hamburger. He estimated he stayed at this beer joint approximately 30 or 40 minutes and while having a hamburger, he stated he heard over the newscast at the beer joint that KING had died.

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He stated he could not recall the exact time, but stated it was after dark when he heard concerning KING's death.

Thereafter, he advised he drove to the Manhattan Club, located on Highway 51 South, for the purpose of meeting BETTY SMITH and BOBBY EARWOOD, and upon arriving at the Manhattan Club, stated he observed several police officers armed with shotguns guarding the area. He advised that at this time, the Manhattan Club was closed, and he then drove to "Lil Abners" Club nearby, where he met BETTY SMITH and BOBBY EARWOOD. He pointed out that EARWOOD, a white male, approximately 32, is employed at the "Lil Abners" club. He recalled they were closing the club on orders of the police at the time he arrived there, and estimated it was approximately 8:00 P.M., when he met his two friends.

He recalled that BOBBY EARWOOD owned and operated a red Chevrolet pickup truck, and was invited by EARWOOD to visit his apartment for a drink, since the club was closed. He stated he followed EARWOOD in his white Mustang to EARWOOD's apartment, located approximately two miles away. He stated he was not familiar with the address, and could not state the exact whereabouts of the location of the apartment.

He estimated that he stayed at this apartment with BETTY SMITH and BOBBY EARWOOD until at least 2:00 A.M., the following morning, after drinking a considerable amount, and drove back to New Albany, Mississippi, arriving there shortly after daylight on April 5, 1968.

He advised that on this occasion he was wearing a dark business suit, dark tie, and white shirt.

He volunteered to accompany Agents along the same route, if necessary, in an effort to establish his whereabouts on this date as he claimed.

With reference to his whereabouts, during the latter part of march and the first day of April, 1968, he advised he could not specifically give the names of any persons who could account for his whereabouts other than his mother, since he advised he was in New Albany at this time, and definitely had not gone to the State of Alabama. He advised that perhaps neighbors could vouch for the fact that he was in New Albany. He stated he did not recall going to Memphis on this weekend.

He advised that he does not know a JOHN WILLIARD or a HARVEY LOWLEYER, and advised he has never used either of these names as an alias.

He advised that on the night of April 4, 1968, he did not at anytime go into the city area of Memphis, where the shooting took place.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	TOM NELSON DAVIS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	41
Date of Birth	November 6, 1926
Place of Birth	Union County, Mississippi

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Height	6 feet, 1 inch
Weight	194 pounds
Hair	Brown - crewcut (was not recent crewcut)
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Address	South Acres Drive New Albany, Mississippi
Military Service	Claims service with United States Navy, 1944-1945, Honorable Discharge
Navy Serial Number	7223812
Social Security Number	425-40-5875
Mississippi Driver's License Number	000603302
Education	High School
Characteristics	Droop of left eye (artificial eye)
Mother	LOLA MAE DAVIS South Acres Drive New Albany, Mississippi
Father	A. M. DAVIS (deceased)
Brother	WALTER DAVIS New Albany, Mississippi
Brother	RAY DAVIS New Albay, Mississippi
Sister	Mrs. J. P. LOMNICK Highway 30 East New Albany, Mississippi

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Sister

Mrs. ORLIS FARRIS
Old Highway 15 South
New Albany, Mississippi

Sister

Mrs. BILL ELLIOTT
Alameda, California
(address unknown)

Sister

Mrs. CHARLES MORRIS
Frankfurt, Germany
(in Military Service)

Occupation

Unemployed

Marital Status

Single

Arrests

Admits arrest Memphis,
Tennessee, 1946, armed
robbery and kidnaping -
received 3 years.
1957, Caine County, Illinois,
forgery and con game -
received 1 to 3 years.
1965, Oxford, Mississippi,
possession of non-tax paid
whiskey - received 2 years

Description of
vehicle

White Mustang, 1967 model
189, two-door, 8 cylinder,
Vehicle Identification
Number 7F01C162781; 1968
Mississippi License 73B-708;
Car has blue interior;
Purchased August, 1967,
Tutor Ford Company,
New Albany, Mississippi

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/8/68

Mrs. PAUL DEWEY WILSON, wife of ~~PAUL DEWEY WILSON~~, was contacted at her home in rural Jayess, Mississippi, in Lawrence County, Mississippi, by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, who advised her of his identity and the nature of the inquiry.

Mrs. WILSON advised that her husband continues to work on a drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast. She advised that he went out to his job on Sunday, March 31, 1968, and would not return until Sunday night, April 7, 1968. She advised that she is certain that her husband is still out in the Gulf of Mexico as he drove some three other men to their job in his red Mustang the past Sunday. She advised that when he goes out in the Gulf of Mexico, he cannot get back to land unless there is an extreme emergency until his seven days are up.

On 4/5/68 at Jayess, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/pac Date dictated 4/8/68
Jackson 157-2094

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Date 4/9/68

STERLING LEWIS GILLIS, Park Drive, McComb, Mississippi, who is known to SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, was contacted by telephone at his residence at 8:40 p.m., April 4, 1968. Mr. GILLIS was sleeping at that time according to his wife.

Mr. GILLIS advised that he was not aware of the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, that he had been at his home with his family all afternoon and evening and that no one would know of his whereabouts other than his wife and immediate family.

Mr. GILLIS advised that he has not been in the Memphis, Tennessee area in years and could furnish no information regarding the assassination of Reverend KING.

On 4/4/68 at McComb, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
Jackson 157-2400
by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/pac Date dictated 4/8/68

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Date 4/9/68

MURPHY JOHN DUNCAN, JR., contacted at his rural Ruth, Mississippi residence in Pike County, Mississippi, by telephone, was advised by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS, who is well known to DUNCAN, of the nature of the inquiry.

Mr. DUNCAN advised that he was expecting some kind of contact by the FBI, that he has been at his residence all afternoon and evening with members of his immediate family.

DUNCAN who was contacted at 8:43 p.m., advised that he could furnish no information regarding the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. DUNCAN advised that he worked for the county supervisor until approximately 4:00 p.m., drove to his residence after work, and had not been out of his house since arriving home from work.

On 4/4/68 at Ruth, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-2399
by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/pac Date dictated 4/8/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of the above, the attached memo and FD 302 interviews which are local in nature and negative in results, are marked for indexing and filing at Jackson.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

Enclosed is one FD-302.

Information was received at the Jackson Division that an anonymous individual intercepted two calls on their party line on 4/6/68 at which time the following information was received.

DELMA and DINA LA BELLA, operators of Dee-Dells Photo Studio in Walls, Mississippi, were calling B. B. CAMPBELL at 317-282-390, 1215 E. 14th Street, Muncie, Indiana. CAMPBELL is the sister of DELMA LA BELLA and LA BELLA was calling to check on CAMPBELL's health. The death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was also discussed at one time.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. and SA RICHARD T. RABIDEAU on 4/8/68:

Mrs. C. A. ALDAY, Clerk, Walls Station, P. O., Walls, Miss., advised that DEE and DELLS, Industrial Photo Shop, Drawer 67, Walls, is operated by DEE or DINA ARANIAS and DELL PIERCE, both of whom live some place in Memphis. ALDAY further advised that ARANIAS' mother, LORENA COUNT, works in the shop and lives on Starlanding Road, Lake Cormorant.

LORENA COUNT and SARA COUNT, mother and sister of DINA ARANIAS were interviewed at their home on Starlanding Road, Lake Cormorant, at which time they volunteered the following information:

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Both LORENA and SARA COUNT advised that they also worked at Dee and Dells Photo Lab along with DINA ARANIAS and ~~DELMA PIERCE~~. They further stated that DINA and DELMA were living together but had recently moved and did not know their present address. SARA COUNT advised, however, that both girls were presently traveling in connection with the Photo Shop and that she would have them call the FBI in Oxford as soon as she was in contact with them.

Both LORENA and SARA COUNT advised that they know no one by the name of LA BELLA

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

DEE ARANIAS telephonically contacted the Oxford Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Gulfport, Mississippi, at which time ARANIAS provided the following information:

ARANIAS stated that she and DELMA PIERCE were presently in Gulfport, Mississippi. ARANIAS stated that on Thursday night, April 4, 1968, she and PIERCE were at the Holiday Inn in Biloxi, Mississippi.

ARANIAS stated that prior to arriving in Biloxi on April 4, 1968, they had been at the Standard Walgreen Agency, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, at about 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968.

ARANIAS further stated that DELMA was not with her, at the moment, but that DELMA had called her sister in Indiana twice on Friday, April 5, 1968. One call was made from Jackson and one from Memphis on Friday night. ARANIAS stated that DELMA had used the name LA BELLA when calling her sister, in order to avoid a family conflict due to a prior marriage.

ARANIAS stated that although she and PIERCE traveled a lot, they could always be contacted through the photo shop.

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by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER:mah Date dictated 4/9/68

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DELMA PIERCE was telephonically contacted from Dee Dell's Photo Studio in Walls, Mississippi, at which time PIERCE voluntarily advised the following information:

PIERCE advised that due to her employment at Dee Dell's Studio, she travels quite extensively and therefore does not have a permanent address in Walls, Mississippi but can always be contacted through the photo studio. She advised that when she is in Walls she will often stay at a motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

PIERCE advised that to the best of her knowledge, she remembers calling her sister in Muncie, Indiana, on either April 5 or 6, 1968. PIERCE stated that the first time she had called had been from Jackson, Mississippi, and that the second time she called from Memphis, Tennessee, on either the same day or the day after. PIERCE stated that during the conversation her sister had expressed a concern for PIERCE, being in Memphis during the riot, and this led to a discussion of the circumstances concerning Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING's death.

PIERCE stated that she uses the name LaBELLA when calling her sister in Indiana, due to the fact that she, PIERCE, has a former husband in Indiana, and she is attempting to conceal her activities from him. PIERCE stated that due to her marital difficulties, she uses the name LaBELLA, and this is the only time that she ever uses this name. PIERCE stated that there is no such person as DENO or DEE LaBELLA.

PIERCE stated that on the night of April 4, 1968, at about 6:00 PM, she was traveling in connection with their business with DEE ARAMIAS. PIERCE stated that at about

On 4/12/68 at Walls, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. / mlt Date dictated 4/15/68

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6:00 PM on April 4, 1968, she and ARAMIAS had been in Biloxi, Mississippi, and recalled checking both herself and ARAMIAS into the Holiday Inn at Biloxi.

PIERCE advised that she is presently driving a 1968 Chevrolet, sea frost green in color, with a black vinyl top, and Tennessee license. PIERCE further stated that this is a company car, and that she does not own a personal car. PIERCE further advised that she also has access to a Buick Wildcat and a 1968 Chevy II.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR JAMES O. INGRAM

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: JIMMIE DELTON GARNER

Rememo of Supervisor ALKER and SA HONAN.

On 4/18/68, SA ROGER KAAS, Atlanta Office, was telephonically furnished all info in HONAN's memo and fact indices negative. No record of birth since records only kept since 1912. KAAS stated he appreciated information and was sufficient and not necessary to handle lead at Hattiesburg.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA FRANCIS G. HONAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: JIMMIE DELTON GARNER

Itawamba Agricultural High School, Fulton, Miss., records reflect GARNER under name DELTON GARNER entered first year of high school on August 16, 1925, and completed four years of high school. The records failed to reflect date of graduation. Records indicate parent D. F. GARNER, Fulton, Miss.

The record does not reflect GARNER graduating; however, registrar advises GARNER had enough credits to graduate. During high school GARNER took English, history, agriculture, math and science.

GLEN LODEN, Principal, Grammar School, Fulton, Miss., advised that grammar school records concerning GARNER were destroyed in a fire in 1939. LODEN stated that he personally knew GARNER and GARNER's father, D. FRANK GARNER, who taught school in the Itawamba County schools for a number of years and is a retired school teacher. LODEN states that there were only two children in the GARNER family--JIMMIE DELTON GARNER and a daughter, ROBBIE LEE GARNER, who is presently teaching school in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. LODEN stated that GARNER's mother and father are deceased. LODEN stated he does not know what college GARNER may have attended, if any. LODEN states that the GARNER family enjoyed an excellent character, reputation and associates in Fulton, and he considered them loyal, American citizens. He stated that JIMMIE DELTON GARNER has not lived in Fulton, Miss., since shortly after WW II.

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WENDALL BROWN, Superintendent of Education, Itawamba County, Fulton, Miss., advised that he knows the GARNER family and considers them to be outstanding, loyal American citizens. He stated he believes that JIMMIE DELTON GARNER attended college at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., where he played football. BROWN is of the opinion that JIMMIE DELTON GARNER was single when he left Fulton, Miss., and is presently residing in Atlanta, Ga. He stated that GARNER's mother's maiden name was THORN and both parents were born and raised in Itawamba County, Miss. He stated that GARNER's mother and father have been deceased for over five years.

WILL CANTRELL, Deputy Sheriff and EUGENE SPENCER, Sheriff, Itawamba County, Miss., both advised that JIMMIE DELTON GARNER lived in Fulton, Miss., approximately 20 years ago and has only been back to Fulton to visit his parents, both of whom are presently deceased. Both of these individuals consider GARNER and his family to be outstanding, loyal American citizens. CANTRELL states that he believes GARNER went to Officers Cadet School during WW II and received a commission in the U.S. Army Engineers.

LEADS:

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AT HATTIESBURG, MISS.

Attempt to verify GARNER's college at University of Southern Mississippi.

AT JACKSON, MISS.

At the Department of Health, verify GARNER's birth on March 16, 1909, Fulton, Miss.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SUPERVISOR PAUL R. ALKER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 7:35 AM, April 18, 1968, SA ROGER KAAS of the Atlanta Office telephonically advised that investigation at Atlanta had developed a latent fingerprint on the Mexican road map which matches the print found on the gun. He stated, however, that the landlord at the rooming house in which GALT stayed (previous information indicates he resided at this rooming house from March 24, 1968, until April 5, 1968) has consistently lied to Agents about small things. He stated that when GALT tried to get a room, the landlord had to open his other rooming house which had no occupants at the time to make a room available for GALT and that for one week GALT resided in this house alone. KAAS stated that despite this, the landlord gave Agents the wrong room number, which was searched, and then later told them the right one. He said there were other instances of furnishing false information, which although appearing to be minor, did not seem to have any reason.

KAAS stated the landlord is JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, born March 16, 1909, Fulton, Miss., a white male, 6'2", 198 lbs., dark brown, almost black hair, blue eyes, and an alcoholic. He has a sister, ROBBIE GARNER, who is a school teacher at Atlanta. KAAS stated GARNER has said he ran a restaurant in Tupelo, Miss., for a number of years immediately prior to World War II until 1942 and immediately after World War II. He claims to have attended a small college, which they gather is at Fulton, Miss. He was dishonorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1944 as an officer. He claims this was due to drinking.

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KAAS requested investigation at Fulton and Tupelo, Miss., to develop the background of GARNER to determine particularly if he is a racist and whatever can be developed in his background which would possibly establish any prior relationship with GALT, or explain the reason for him furnishing false information.

This lead was called to SA CASTLES at Tupelo, Miss., at 7:50 A.M., April 18, 1968, and SA RYAN was requested to verify birth and identify parents.

KAAS desired a telephone call as to results.

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: INGELLS SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION

SA HAROLD V. HUGHES, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California, advised that his father, HOMER E. HUGHES, is an electrical supervisor at Ingells Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, home telephone number 601-SO 2-5516, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

SA HUGHES advised that Agents should feel free to contact his father for possible assistance in the event it is necessary to conduct investigation at Ingells Shipbuilding Corporation.

The "Monterey Peninsula Herald," a newspaper published in Monterey, California, on April 15, 1968, carried an article regarding ERIC STARVO GALT wherein it was reported that he had been employed by Ingells Shipbuilding Corporation.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN

Re Suspect EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD.

One photo each of EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD is being enclosed for Birmingham, Memphis and Jackson.

Investigation previously conducted by the New Orleans Office to locate and interview MANSFIELD determined that he worked in Grand Isle, La., in late 1967 as a welder with Grand Isle Shipyards and Buras Construction Company.

ANDREW ADAMS, Grand Isle, La., associated with PARCY CROSBY, Grand Isle, advised on 3/25/68, that MANSFIELD left the area in January, 1968, after being gone for several days at a time on several prior occasions. He is living with CROSBY's 19 or 20 year old daughter, MERLYN CROSBY, and reportedly has left a wife and four children somewhere, place unknown to ADAMS.

ADAMS said he co-signed note when MANSFIELD bought a 1968 blue Ford pickup truck at Ford dealer, Lockport, La, and financed same through Commercial Securities, Co., Lockport.

MANSFIELD, according to ADAMS, [redacted] and was previously in Grand Isle about a year or more ago when arrested by Jefferson Parish SO for stabbing at Tony Marullo's Bar.

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Records of Jefferson Parish SO (JP80), #23897, on EUGENE SMITH MANSFIELD, FBI #302 455 B, reflect he was arrested for aggravated battery on 11/15/66 after stabbing DANNY QUINN MARTIN with a pocket knife.

Photos of MANSFIELD with description on back thereof were obtained.

On 4/11/68, observation of the usual logging places from Port Sulphur, La., to Triumph, La., were observed and no vehicle similar to that in possession of MANSFIELD was observed.

Photo of subject was shown to the following and MANSFIELD had not been observed in the Eures area:

Deputy ERNEST ALOS

Deputy GEORGE MARTINEZ

Chief Deputy HARRY L. PACKARD

MANSFIELD as of 4/11/68, had not been processed by the Plaquemines Parish Itinerant Labor Bureau.

RAY GIBBONS, Gibbons Certified Welders, Triumph, La., advised MANSFIELD had not contacted him for employment or for any other reason. He said welders are in demand.

H. I. MIDDLETON, Packard, Inc., has no records of MANSFIELD.

NO 157-10673

Jackson will maintain liaison with [REDACTED] in effort to locate current whereabouts of MANSFIELD.

New Orleans will maintain liaison with appropriate local authorities for any information to indicate presence of MANSFIELD in Buras, Louisiana area.

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FEI MEMPHIS

920AM URGENT 4-18-68 SAB

TO JACKSON

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

JAMES WILKINS, SECURITY OFFICER, SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.,
MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, THAT SEARS
RECEIVED A CHECK FROM W. E. BUSTIN, BOX FIVE ONE SEVEN,
MOORHEAD, MISS., FOR PAYMENT OF A MAIL ORDER PAIR OF SHOES, AND
ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS CHECK APPEARS THE FOLLOWING NOTE:
"JOHN SIDNEY PARKER KILLED A NEGRO IN MEMPHIS." THIS CHECK IS
DRAWN ON THE BANK OF MOORHEAD, BRANCH OF GRENADA BANK, UNDER
ACCOUNT NO. NINE ZERO EIGHT FIVE - ZERO THREE FIVE ONE, IN
THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT DOLLARS, EIGHTY CENTS, AND IS DATED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST.

JACKSON INTERVIEW BUSTIN RE SIGNIFICANCE OF INSCRIPTION
APPEARING ON REVERSE SIDE OF CHECK HE SUBMITTED TO SEARS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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527 AM URGENT 4-18-68 DND

TO JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY (NA), HOMICIDE BUREAU, MEMPHIS PD, ADVISED HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FOUR FIFTY-FOUR A.M. INSTANT DATE FROM A MARY ANN HOWARD, LELAND, MISS., NO OTHER ADDRESS, WHO ADVISED THAT THE MAN WHO SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SAT AT HER TABLE FOUR WEEKS AGO AND SAID HE MUST BE ASSASSINATED. HOWARD HAD UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER WHICH SHE WOULD NOT FURNISH ZACHARY. ZACHARY SAID SHE TOLD HIM SHE WOULD TALK TO FBI IF THEY GOT TO HER FAST. SHE SOUNDED FRIGHTENED AND SINCERE.

JACKSON LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HOWARD.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END

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FBI JKSN MISS

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TO JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE METEL INSTANT DATE.

INSPECTOR ZACHARY (NA), MPD, ADVISED MARY ANN HOWARD CALLED BACK AND SAID MAN WHO SHE SPOKE OF IN EARLIER CALL HAD BEEN BACK TO HOUSE AND RAN SACKED HOUSE LOOKING FOR FOOD SINCE HER FIRST CALL AND HAS LEFT. GAVE HER ADDRESS AS SEVEN ZERO THREE EDWARDS, LELAND, MISS. SHE ASKED IF SHE SHOULD CALL LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WHEN ZACHARY SAID YES, SHE HUNG UP. ZACHARY SAID SHE MAY BE "NUTS" BUT WAS EXTREMELY FRIGHTENED AND STILL SOUNDED SINCERE. *Should be 704*

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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LOS ANGELES

MOBILE

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 P

MURKIN.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE RE ERIC STARVO GALT HAS
EITHER ESTABLISHED OR ALLEGED RESIDENCE IN ONE OF THE FIELD
DIVISIONS MENTIONED.

DATE OF BIRTH AS LISTED ON ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE IS
JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN THIRTYONE. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SELECTIVE
SERVICE INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE REGARDING THE THREE NAMES KNOWN
TO HAVE BEEN USED BY SUSPECT; HOWEVER, THERE REMAIN A NUMBER OF
YEARS IN THIS MAN'S BACKGROUND STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. BASED ON
NORMAL PROCEDURES FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION, THIS MAN
WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO REGISTER, IF SUCH WAS DONE, ON OR
ABOUT JULY TWENTY, FORTYNINE OR AT LEAST WITHIN A TWO WEEK PERIOD
THEREAFTER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT RECEIVING OFFICES RECONTACT
STATE SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS AND FROM REVIEW OF REGISTRANTS IN
PERTINENT PERIOD POSSIBILITY EXISTS SOME DATA MAY BE DEVELOPED RE
END PAGE ONE

Mr. Schmitt
+ each Wood
Recontacted
See mem

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cc for each
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FAMILIAR NAMES OR SOME OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY LEAD TO

ESTABLISHING IDENTITY UNSUB THIS CASE.

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD
BE GIVEN INQUIRIES IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

A. & D.

ED END,

BJM

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FBI JACKSVLE

112 PM URGENT 4/18/68 MHM
TO DIRECTOR/MAIL/, NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON
FROM JACKSONVILLE/44-769/ 1P

MURKIN NY TELETYPE TO BUREAU ATALVE APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST; JACKON
TELETYPE TO JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RE MALCOM A. GAULT, US MERCHANT MARINER.

MALCOM A. GAULT, AGE SIXTYNINE, RESIDING LAWTEY, FLA., WITH
BROTHER, EZRA GAULT. TWO OTHER BROTHERS IN FAMILY, EVERETT, WHO
RESIDES VALLEY ROAD, MERIDIAN, MISS., AND HAS TWELVE OR THIRTEEN

CHILDREN, NAMES UNKNOWN. OTHER BROTHER, CURTIS, RESIDES IN LOUISIANA,

ADDRESS UNKNOWN, HAS ONE SON, BILLY, AGE ABOUT THIRTYONE. NAME ERIC
STARVO GALT NOT FAMILIARY TO MALCOM OR EZRA GAULT.

END

FBI JKSN MISS

*Int Everett
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*Exhibit Photo
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if ever had any contact with them*

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PROCTOR

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Enclosed herewith for Memphis are nine report inserts, 15 copies of each, a total of 135 enclosures.

These inserts relate to coverage of dance studios in the State of Mississippi concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. All were contacted with negative results.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 135) (RM)
1 - Jackson
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The following investigation was conducted by the agents shown to determine if there were any dance studios in their respective territory:

On April 15, 1968, Patrolman SIMON W. HALL, Lucedale, Mississippi, advised SA PETER H. CROOKS there are no dance studios or dance classes in Lucedale, Mississippi.

On the same date a check was made of logical references by SA PETER H. CROOKS in an attempt to locate any dance studios in Lucedale, Mississippi, and none were located.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. NORMA STIGLETS, Credit Bureau of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, advised there are no dance studios in either Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, or Waveland, Mississippi, to her knowledge.

On the same date Chief of Police LATHON GARRIGA, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, advised there are no dance studios in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Deputy Sheriff EIDO DEPREO, Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, advised there are no dance studios in Waveland, Mississippi.

The investigation at Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Mississippi, was conducted by SA H. MAX LOUDERMAN.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA LOUIS S. BULLARD:

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. TONI MOSLEY, Instructor, Arthur Murry Dance Studio, 303 Porter Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi, advised that she has been employed there as an instructor for the last five years. She said the names ERIC STARVO GALT or GAULT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or MYER and JOHN WILLARD or WILLIARD were not familiar to her, nor could any record or reference to instant names be located in her files.

She said she would mention these names to Mr. E. E. WALLACE, Manager of the Dance Studio, and in the event they were familiar to him, he would contact the FBI.

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The following persons were contacted by SA FLOYD B. HANNON, III on April 15, 1968, regarding their knowledge of a subject named ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD. Each person viewed the composite photographs of subject and advised they did not know the subject by name or appearance:

~~ANNE McNAIR BYERS~~

~~Anne's Academy of Dance Arts~~
4639 McWillie Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

~~BEVERLY T. SMITH~~

~~Beverly's School of Dance and Baton~~
Post Office Box 5687
Jackson, Mississippi

~~WILLIAM REX COOPER~~

~~Dance Academy~~
534 Mitchell
Jackson, Mississippi

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JLM/bkh

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA J. L. MARTIN at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on April 15,
1968:

~~LILLIAN HYDE~~, Owner and Operator, Hyde's School of Music and Dancing, 105 Second Avenue, advised that she teaches primarily children's dances, however, would accept adults as private students, but stated that she has taught no adults within the last six years. Mrs. HYDE stated that the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, and JOHN WILLARD were unknown to her.

~~MARGARET CONN~~, Owner and Operator, Conn Margaret Dance Studios, 800 Edwards Street, advised that she teaches no adult dance lessons but instructs only children.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
J. L. MARTIN at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on April 16,
1968:

~~GILBERT LANGON~~, Assistant Registrar, University of Southern Mississippi, advised that the University offers a course in dancing only as an academic course working toward a degree in dancing. He stated that they take no outside students and that the course is offered only to full-time students who are working toward a degree in dancing.

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The following investigation was conducted on April 15, 1968, by SA CHARLES W. WILMORE, JR., at Bolivar County, Mississippi:

Bolivar County Sheriff L. B. WILLIAMS advised there were no dance studios to his knowledge located in Bolivar County.

W. C. DEMPSEY, Chief of Police, Cleveland, Mississippi, advised he knew of no dance studios in Cleveland, Mississippi.

A review of Bolivar County telephone directories and Cleveland city directory failed to reveal any listings for dance studios.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM C. MEARNs on April 15, 1968, at Belzoni, Mississippi:

Sheriff JAMES L. HUFFSTICKLER, Humphreys County, stated he knew of no dance studios located in Humphreys County, Mississippi.

Chief of Police M. L. NICHOLS advised there were no dance studios located in Belzoni, Mississippi, to his knowledge.

A review of Humphreys County telephone directories failed to reveal any listing for any dance studio.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DOMINICK DI DOMENICO at Sunflower County, Mississippi, on April 15, 1968:

JACK SESSUMS, Sheriff, Sunflower County, advised there were no dance studios in Sunflower County to his knowledge.

BRYCE ALEXANDER, Chief of Police, Indianola, Mississippi, advised there were no dance studios located in Indianola, Mississippi, to his knowledge.

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CWW:ccs

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A review of Sunflower County telephone directories failed to reveal any listing for any dance studios in Sunflower County.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY on April 15, 1968, in Washington County, Mississippi.

Deputy Sheriff EARL FISHER advised that he knew of no dance studios located in Washington County.

W. C. BURNLEY, Chief of Police, Greenville, Mississippi, advised there was only one dance studio located in Greenville, Mississippi. He said this dance studio was run by ALMYRA JACKSON at 323 South Washington in Greenville.

VERA HANSON, Merchants Credit Bureau, advised the only dance studio listed in the Greenville, Mississippi, area was that of ALMYRA JACKSON.

A review of Greenville city directory and Washington County telephone books listed no dance studios other than that of ALMYRA JACKSON at 323 South Washington Avenue, Greenville, Mississippi.

ALMYRA JACKSON, 323 South Washington Avenue, Greenville, Mississippi, advised she had never had never had any dance students named ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER. After viewing artist conceptions of ERIC STARVO GALT, she stated she had never had any pupil who resembled these sketches. Miss JACKSON said she was the only dance studio located in Washington County which taught adults.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN at Natchez, Mississippi, on April 15, 1968:

Mrs. MARTHA HOOTSELL, School of Dancing, advised from a check of her records that she has no record of any students by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD. She was shown the artist conceptions of the unknown individual in this case and failed to recognize him.

Mrs. HOOTSELL stated in the event individuals using the aforementioned names applies for dancing lessons, she will immediately contact the FBI. She stated the only dancing schools in Adams, Jefferson, Franklin and Wilkinson Counties are located in Natchez, Mississippi.

Mrs. ALLIE MINNETT MIDDLETON, 306 Jefferson Street, Middleton Dancing School, searched her records and was unable to locate any students or former students by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD. She was shown the artist conceptions of the unknown individual in this case and was not aware of this individual's identity. She stated in the event anyone by the above mentioned names or appearing to be identical with the artist conceptions applies at her school, she will immediately notify the FBI.

Mrs. HERBERT J. MEAD, JR., 99 Sergeant Prentiss Drive, Natchez, Mississippi, checked her records and was unable to locate anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD. She was shown the artist conceptions of the unknown individual in this case and was not aware of this individual's identity.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.:

AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

A review of the City Directory and Telephone Directory for the City of Meridian fails to reflect any adult dancing schools located in this city. The only two dancing schools are for children.

Investigation in the area covered by the Meridian Resident Agency fails to reflect any dancing schools located in the counties.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA R. STEPHEN CARR on April 15, 1968:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Mrs. ELLA BELCHER, 4452 Woodlark Drive, advised she was co-owner of the Jo-Ella School of Dance and Baton, which is no longer operating, but which maintains a telephone listing. She advised that when the school was in operation, she taught only baton twirling and tap dancing and all students were children.

She further advised that after a review of her files she could find no listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

Mrs. BELCHER was shown composite drawings of subject; however, she was unable to identify the drawing.

Mr. LAMON GOINGS, owner of Jeanne and Lamon Goings Dance Studios, 1029 Pecan Park Circle, advised that his studio is composed mostly of children. After a review of his files, he stated that he has had no students using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

Mr. GOINGS was shown composite drawings of subject; however, he was unable to identify these drawings.

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Mrs. MAE GRANGER, Credit Bureau of Jackson, advised that her office does not record credit data for companies or corporations and was, therefore, unable to state if there had been any dance studios in the Jackson area in the past which are now defunct.

A review of the Southern Bell Telephone Directory for Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties failed to reflect any listing for dance studios in those areas.

A review of Polk's City Directory for Jackson, Mississippi, for the years 1966, 1967 and 1968, failed to reflect a listing of any dance studios which have been in operation in the past but are now defunct.

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The following investigation was conducted on April 15, 1968, at Canton, Mississippi, by SA JERRY R. PARKER:

The following individuals were contacted and advised there were no dance studios which instruct ballroom dancing for men in Madison County:

~~JAMES HERVEY EVANS, JR.
Justice of the Peace~~

~~BILLY NOBLE
Madison County Sheriff~~

~~DAN C. THOMPSON
Chief of Police~~

LORENE SMITH, Madison County Credit Bureau, advised her files contain no record for any dance studio in Madison County.

Current City and Telephone Directories negative regarding a dance studio in Canton, Mississippi.

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Date: 4/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re telephone call from MARY ANN HOWARD, Leland, Mississippi, to Inspector ZACHARY, Memphis PD, this date.

Miss MARY ANN HOWARD, 704 Edwards Avenue, Leland, Mississippi, advised SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY and SA WILLIAM C. MEARNES on 4/18/68 that she had a male guest whom she declined to identify in her kitchen approximately 4 weeks ago who made the statement that MARTIN LUTHER KING had to be disposed of. She questioned him as to what he meant, and he replied that he meant that KING had to be eliminated but not necessarily killed.

Miss HOWARD stated that this man came to her house in Leland and advised her that he was a friend of AL CAROLLO, owner of Al's Supper Club, Greenville, Mississippi. She claimed to not have seen this man prior to or since that time. He told her he worked for the Mafia but declined to furnish any details. He also claimed to be driving a 1968 Cadillac, which she did not see. She stated she had a few drinks with this man in her house and he may have made the above statement concerning KING because of the liquor. She stated that he resembled the sketch of ERIC STARVO GALT which she saw on television within the past few days.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Miss HOWARD furnished the following description of this individual, whom she refused to identify out of fear for her safety and because she would hate to see anyone punished for killing a Negro:

Height	6' 7"
Weight	160 pounds
Age	Late forties
Features	Sharp, pointed nose; very tall and slim

Miss HOWARD advised that she is a nurse at East Bolivar County Hospital, Cleveland, Mississippi. She is approximately 35 years of age, approximately 5' 6" tall, 115 pounds, blond, and lives alone. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The door was open, screen was unlocked, lights on, her 1966 Chevrolet was parked in the driveway, and car keys were observed on the coffee table in the living room. She did not respond when her name was called. Her small white dog barked and should have awakened anyone who was sleeping.

Assistant Chief of Police LAW, Leland, Mississippi, appeared on the scene and entered Miss HOWARD's house and awakened her, after calling her name loudly several times. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There was no indication that her house had been ransacked.

After leaving the house, Miss HOWARD contacted the Leland Police Department and advised that she had decided that she would furnish the name of the man in question, provided that one FBI agent and one FBI agent alone would return to her house. The above two agents returned to Miss HOWARD's home and, after several statements which indicated her complete dislike for Negroes, she refused again to name the

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individual who she claimed to be ERIC STARVO GALT,
based on the sketch she saw on television.

Chief of Police JOE DEAN, Leland, Mississippi,
advised that MARY ANN HOWARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She is a very attractive
girl who is well educated, is a nurse, and appears to be
very intelligent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Memphis may desire to advise Inspector ZACHARY
(NA), Memphis PD Homicide Bureau, of the above since
HOWARD may again contact him.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 11, 1968, Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN telephonically advised that he did not desire that any negative type investigation, which eliminates local Jackson suspects, be sent to Memphis. He advised that negative type information should be indexed and filed at Jackson rather than be furnished to Memphis.

In view of the above, the attached FD302 interview with ROBERT EARL DAVIS has been marked for indexing in the Jackson files.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

Mr. ROBERT EARL DAVIS, 101 McLaurin Drive, advised he is employed by the Mid-Valley Pipeline in Oxford, Mississippi, and in connection with his duties, holds a private pilot's license to fly company planes. He explained that he spends a lot of his time around the University - Oxford Airport and stated that on the morning of April 8, 1968, he was at the lobby in the airport where he observed an unknown white male in the lobby and stated he believes this person had just arrived on a Southern Airlines flight from Memphis, Tennessee. He advised he struck up a conversation with this person and recalls this individual claimed he was an Eastern Airlines pilot who flies DC-8 aircraft. He stated that during his conversation with this person, he was of the opinion that he was not an airline pilot since he apparently did not know much about flying. He also recalls this individual questioned him concerning the cost of a small plane.

DAVIS stated that this person used the Hertz Rent-A-Car telephone located at the lobby of the airport and talked with someone in Tupelo, Mississippi. DAVIS advised he was somewhat suspicious of this person at this time and stated he picked up an extension phone and heard only a brief portion of their conversation. He recalls the person remarked over the telephone, "I'm here; I'm not in Tupelo." He stated that sometime thereafter, someone driving a white Buick picked this person up at the airport and DAVIS assumed this was the person he contacted in Tupelo, Mississippi.

DAVIS stated that during the period of time this person was waiting around the airport, he observed him carrying a blue flight bag with a name stenciled on the side which he believes was either GAULT or GOLT.

On 4/13/68 at Oxford, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN /blw Date dictated 4/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

He advised that earlier on April 13, 1968, he had observed a composit drawing of the person responsible for the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis, Tennessee, and stated this was apparently some artist's conception drawn by a newspaper in Memphis. He stated that as he recalled this person, the composit drawing compares favorably with this individual. He described this individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 32
Height	Six feet
Weight	180
Hair	Brown, short and wavey with receding hairline.

DAVIS stated this person was well dressed and wearing a brown suit.

DAVIS advised he had not seen this individual prior to this occasion in the University - Oxford Airport.

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Date: 4/17/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SAMMON on 4/15/68, at Southaven, Mississippi:

Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51 S, one-half mile from the Tennessee State Line, was a quantity of "Schlitz" beer, 12 ounce, pop-top cans in the plastic six-pack holder. This beer was dated "03/158", and was distributed from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Also located in that bait shop was a brown paper bag bearing the trademark "Homestead; Stubby; 20; 31K7", which is used to package six-packs of beer by the bait shop personnel.

This bait shop is located exactly three miles south from the Oliver Drugstore, Highway 51, Whitehaven, Tennessee.

BILL MC LAUGHLIN, owner of the bait shop; his wife, JANE MC LAUGHLIN; his son, WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN; and frequent customer, LAWRENCE PARKER, all of Southaven, were interviewed. All failed to identify the Birmingham and Memphis composite photos of Unsub in this matter. None recalled seeing a white Mustang with an Alabama license around 4/3-4/68, nor do they

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recall a stranger to the area purchasing a six-pack of Schlitz beer there, although they have numerous customers who have never been there before.

Under separate cover being forwarded to the Bureau is a 12 ounce, pop-top Schlitz beer can from the Southaven Minnow Shop dated "03/158". Also being forwarded is one of the aforementioned brown paper bags from that bait shop.

The Laboratory is requested to examine both items to determine the tool mark dating the beer can and the paper bag are identical with those previously submitted by Memphis. The Laboratory is requested to advise interested offices. The items need not be returned.

CONSIDER UNKNOWN SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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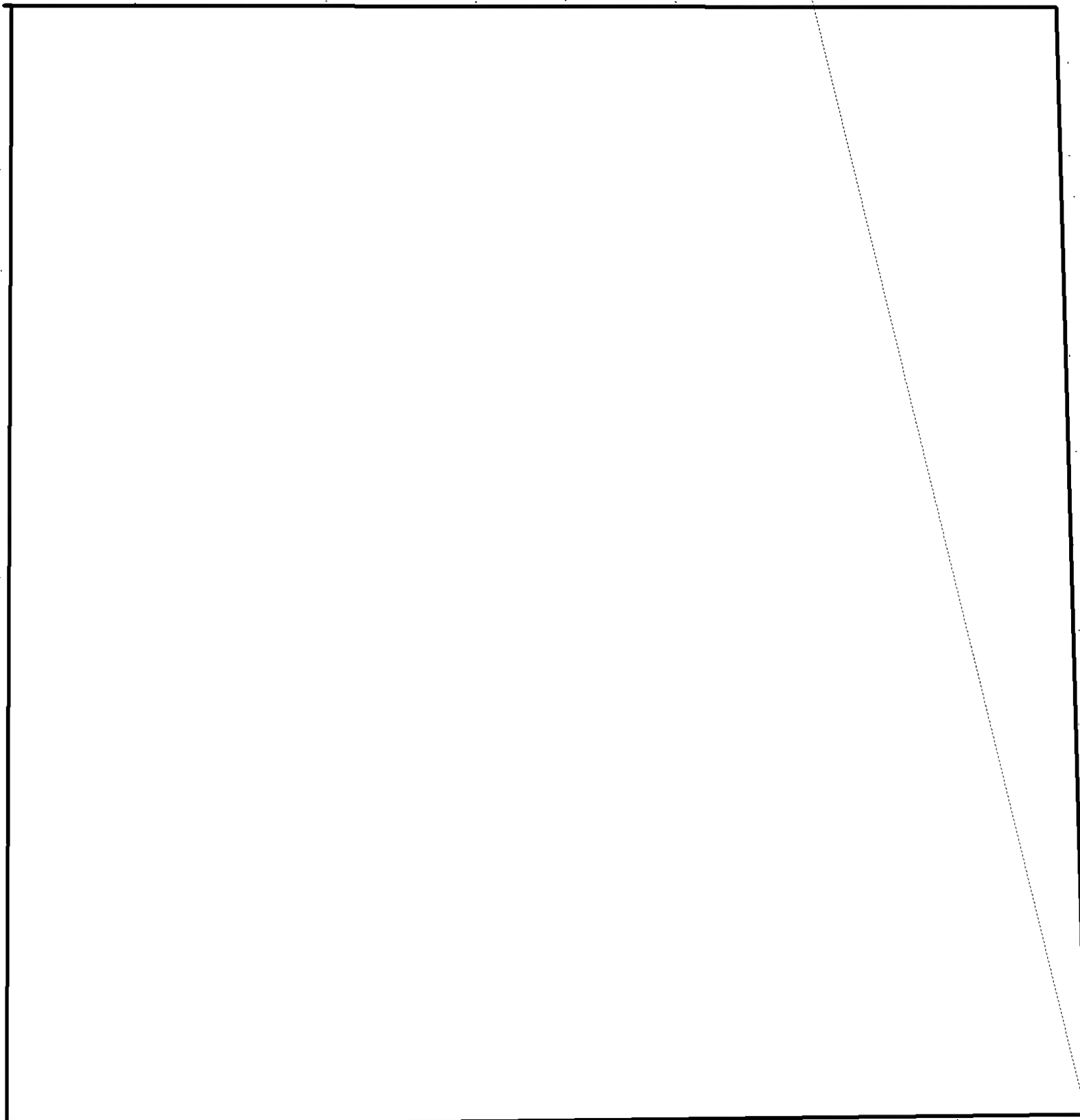
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DATE: 4/16/68

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

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JACKSON DIVISION

Last known addresses and employments of bomber suspects residing in the Jackson area:

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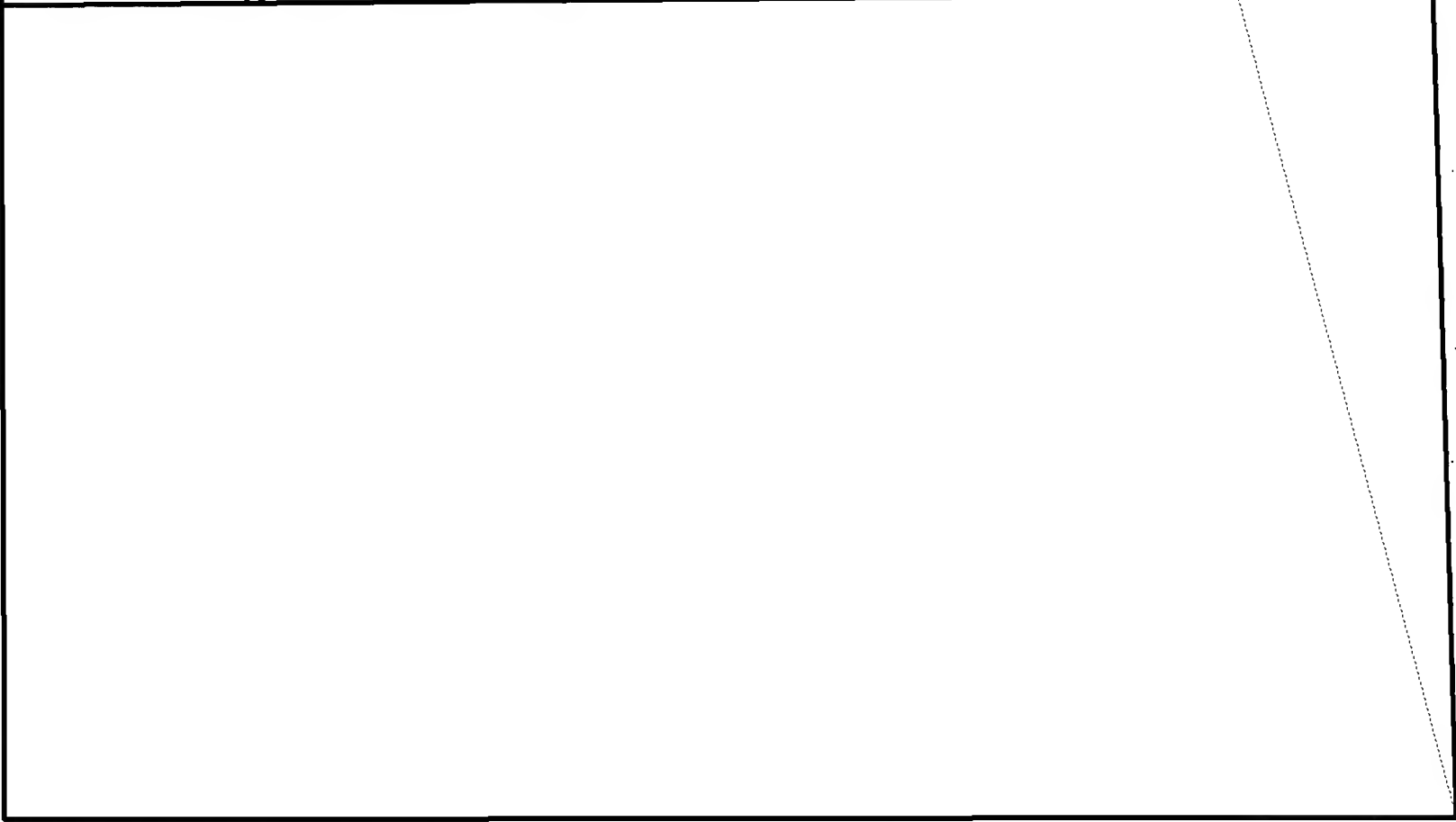
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J. L. HARPER, 932 Myrtlewood Drive, Jackson, (two blocks east of Belvedere in Southwest Jackson), employed as a painter and part-time employee of JOE DENVER HAWKINS.

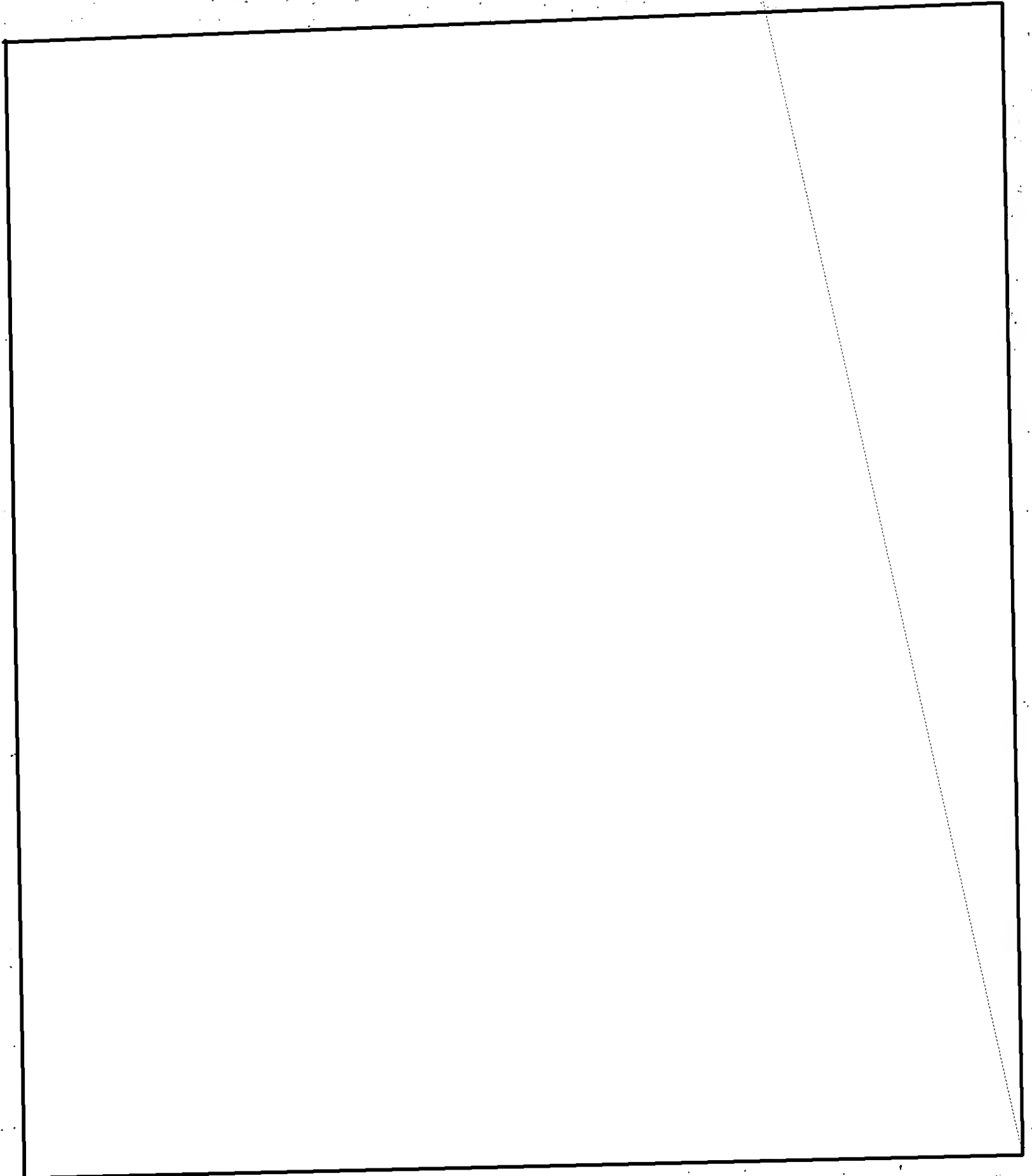
JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, 2610 Brookwood Drive, Jackson (just south of Appleridge Shopping Center in Southwest Jackson), employed at Braswell Motor Freight Lines, Highway 80 East (Pearl), Jackson, Mississippi.

JOE DENVER HAWKINS, 1723 Saint Charles Street, Jackson (two blocks south of West Capitol Street in West Jackson), self-employed as a painting and building contractor.



L. E. MATTHEWS, JR., Rural Route, Florence, Miss., (lives in large, maroon-colored house about three miles south of the swinging bridge over Pearl River on the Rankin County side of the river), self-employed, Matthews Electric Company, Florence, Mississippi.

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The above addresses and employments appear to be the latest information in the files of the Jackson Office.

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This information should be utilized in spot-checking bomber suspects and if any new residences or employments are determined through investigation, the information should be included in this file as well as other appropriate files.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: <div>Dictated _____ to _____</div> <div>Transcribed _____</div> <div>Authenticated by Informant _____</div> <div>Date TYPED BY SA</div>		Date of Report 4-10,12-14-68 Date(s) of activity 4-10-12-14-68
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1-157-4096 (L. E. MATTHEWS, JR.)
1-157- (WILLIAM T. PICKEL)
1-157- (BEN FULLEN)
1-157- (JOHN VIRGIL "PAT" THOMAS)
1-157- (NELL THOMAS)
1-157-9586 (MURKIN)
1-157- (BYRON de la BECKWITH)
1-174-135 (BOMBING BLACKWELL READY CO)
1-157- (BILLY CARR)
1-157- (BURRIS DUNN, JR.)
1-157- (HARRY KELLEY)
1-157- (A. KARL AUSTIN)
1-157- (JACK SHEARER, SR.)
1-157- (APWR)

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING:

Source reported that EUGNE SMITH MANSFIELD, aka SUNSET teelphonically contacted L. E. MATTHEWS at Florence, from Buras, La. the morning of 4-10-68. SUNSET wanted \$300 to do a job or hit for MATTHEWS but MATTHEWS would agree only to pay \$200. Source did not know the location of the "hit", or whether an agreement on price was reached.

BOMBING OF BLACKWELL REALTY CO., 1967:

Source reported that the following had come to his attention concerning the indictment of L. E. MATTHEWS on 4-9-68, concerning the Blackwell Co.

[redacted] of Crystal Springs went to the Hinds County Court House on 4-10-68 but was told that the trial of J. L. HARPER, for the possession of explosives, had been postphned in view of the arrest earlier in the day of attorney HARRY KELLEY. She then met MATTHEWS at the Deposit Guaranty Bank and they discussed the warrant out for MATTHEWS, etal, and then went to the offices of Attorney PFEIFFER in the Barnett Building, who confirmed that he had seen the list of those indicted and MATTHEWS, BOWERS, etal were on it.

Source observed that [redacted] & MATTHEWS drove to 51 Mart where MATTHEWS parked his white over blue truck, with pipe rack, got in the car with [redacted] & they drove to MATTHEWS home below Florence.

MATTHEWS, his son who may be named STEVE, and [redacted] commenced to get rid of various items as MATTHEWS said the law would want to search his home & car, and it would ruin him.

[redacted] was observed to take MATTHEWS carbine to his mother's house and hide it. They apparently were arguing over his pistols as he had two on him and claimed that he was going to kill an FBI agent when they came for him. [redacted] was able to convince MATTHEWS that it would probably end his mother if he acted that foolishly. [redacted] succeeded in getting the pistols away from him. FOIA(b)(6)
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MATTHEWS had his son burning papers that he claimed were from SAM BOWERS.

MATTHEWS claimed that he was going to hide out indefinitely and attempted to get [redacted] to hide him out on the family farm between Hazelhurst and Wesson, out in the country, but [redacted] was claiming that she could not do this as her mother would never forgive her. Source did not know if [redacted] finally agreed. Source reported that [redacted] drove MATTHEWS to Jackson, dropped him off at the Primos North Gate Restaurants, and was to meet him or receive a call from him at 3 PM in the lobby of the main office of Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson.

MATTHEWS was heard to instruct [redacted] to go see Senior Vice President STEVE BURRELL of Deposit Guaranty to get him to make MATTHEWS bond.

Subsequently source reported that MATTHEWS was in JOHN SULLIVAN's (attorney) office completing his bond papers, and that SULLIVAN had called the Sheriff that MATTHEWS would be in shortly to surrender. MATTHEWS did not because BURRELL had signed the bond in the wrong place, and it had to be

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH:

Source reported that he had occasion to observe that L. E. MATTHEWS had received a letter from BECKWITH postmarked at Pensacola, Fla. 4-1-68. This letter indicated his home as 1001 Dewey St., Greenwood, Miss. and on the stationery of the Barrentine Mfg. Co. Greenwood.

4-12-68

BLACKWELL REALTY BOMBING:

Source learned from L. E. MATTHEWS on this date that he was surprised that [REDACTED] was not arrested, commenting that he was at the party, the night it was planned, and that he MATTHEWS specifically recalled leaving with [REDACTED]

Source reported that MATTHEWS had had a confrontation with BURRIS DUNN, JR. in HARRY KELLEYS office, that he had suspected that DUNN had been the informant in this matter, but that he had gotten DUNN straightened out. At this meeting it was pretty much concluded that ^{ROBERT} CHARLES WILSON will be a state witness and that he will not be arrested and brought to Jackson until the day before the trial.

Source further reported that [REDACTED] will be a surprise witness for the defense of L. E. MATTHEWS as he was using her as his alibi the night of the bombing, and the fact that they were together is entered in her diary.

MATTHEWS & KELLEY agreed to meet for a conference this weekend, and the conditions were that they would meet out in a field and that each should be naked to insure the other that he was not "bugged".

MATTHEW's first wife WILLIE MAY LNU (at one time SMITH) has a trailer behind The Windmill in Jackson. MATTHEWS commented that he and T. J. BATES who stays at this trailer on occasion, had done some things over two years ago but indicated the statute of limitations had run on them.

MATTHEWS has been to see BILLY CARR and though CARR indicated he won't do anything now, he will get a job done at MATTHEWS request. Nothing was indicated for the present time.

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L. E. MATTHEWS:

Source reported that Friday night 4-12-68, MATTHEWS went to the Court House in Brandon for the Rankin County APWR meeting but it was not held as MATTHEWS, BILL PICKEL, ELAINE SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. BEN PULLEN and a black curlyhaired fellow who is believed a member of the Red Hill Baptist Church, showed up. SMITH & MATTHEWS apparently had a squabble so she left first. MATTHEWS, PICKEL and the latter described man said they were going to get some coffee.

BEN PULLEN's four or five year old daughter took her mother's purse when they got out of the car in front of the court house, dropped it and the pistol went off without hitting anyone. Since the PULLENs were the only ones who showed up, and there are indications they have had a falling out with their next door neighbors NELL & PAT THOMAS, the RANKIN APWR is folding or has folded. The recent arrests in Hinds County of MATTHEWS and his cronies obviously is also having quite an effect on the attendance.

Source did not know the location of MATTHEWS on Saturday night 4-13, but reported that his car was backed into a parking place at the Town House Restaurant at Crystal Springs the night of 4-14-68.

KARL AUSTIN:

Source reported that L. E. MATTHEWS, JR. is real sore at KARL & RUBY AUSTIN as they would not go any part of his bond when he was recently arrested by Hinds County authorities in connection with the BLACKWELL REALTY BOMBING. KARL is having

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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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GALIXIE FIVE HUNDRED, EIGHT CYLINDER, FOUR DOOR, VIN
TWO W SIX TWO X ONE TWO EIGHT THREE SEVEN THREE ISSUED
APRIL ELEVEN LAST TO MRS. PEGGY J. WORKS, FULTON, MISS.

PEGGY J. WORKS INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED VEHICLE
PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF HER HUSBAND, RICHARD A. WORKS
WHO IS VISITING SISTER, MRS. GLENDA LESTER, SIX ZERO FIVE
AND ONE HALF, GARFIELD STREET, GLENDALE, CALIF. MRS.
WORKS STATED THAT HER HUSBAND ARRIVED IN GLENDALE APRIL
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LOS ANGELES AT GLENDALE LOCATE RICHARD A. WORKS
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RE JN TEL TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

RE HOMESTEAD STUBBY BROWN PAPER BAG AND SCHLITZ
BEER CANS FOUND NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, MEMPHIS.JACKSON HAS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION
NORTHERN MISSISSIPPI TO LOCATE STORES HANDLING SCHLITZ
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EMPLOYEES OF SHOP WERE INTERVIEWED, COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION, DO NOT RECALL OBSERVING WHITE MUSTANG NOR STRANGERS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH THREE - FOUR, LAST. ITEMS OBTAINED AT THE MINNOW SHOP FORWARDED TO LABORATORY FOR COMPARISON WITH ITEMS IN POSSESSION OF LABORATORY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND JACKSON
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) 1P

MURKIN. RE DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

RE JACKSON TEL TO ATLANTA DATED APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE TEL DISCLOSED DONALD JAMES NISSEN WAS FORMERLY MENTIONED
IN MATTER CAPTIONED "ALLEGED OFFER OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISS.,"
TO ANYONE WHO WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REVIEW OF ATLANTA FILES REFLECTS NISSEN HAS FBI NUMBER
SIX ZERO SEVEN THREE TWO ZERO A.

BUREAU REQUESTED COMPARE PRINTS NISSEN WITH PRINTS OBTAINED
ON MURDER WEAPON IN ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE AS SUSPECT.
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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, HOUSTON, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW YORK
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 3P

MURKIN.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN INSTANT, A BIRMINGHAM INFORMANT IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH AND ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF SUBJECT AS INDIVIDUAL SHE MET APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AT THE TRAVEL LODGE MOTEL, NORTH TWENTYSIXTH STREET, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AT THAT TIME SHE WAS STAYING WITH HER BOYFRIEND, THOMAS JOSEPH COX, DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTYTWO, BORN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, RETIRED FROM U. S. NAVY. COX WORKS AS FIRST MATE THROUGH SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION, HOUSTON, TEXAS ON SHIPS OWNED BY AMERICAN BULK CARRIERS, NEW YORK, N.Y. HE HAS CRIPPLED RIGHT LEG.

ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, COX BROUGHT AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE MOTEL ROOM SHE SHARED WITH HIM, INTRODUCING THE MAN AS SHAW GALT (PHONETIC). PCI DESCRIBES GALT AS WMA, THIRTY, FIVE FT. ELEVEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, SOFT SPOKEN, WEARING CHECKED SPORT COAT, DARK TROUSERS AND SPORT SHIRT. HE WAS IN MOTEL

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ABOUT FORTYFIVE MINUTES DRINKING BOURBON WITH INFORMANT AND COX. HE MENTIONED HE WAS MERCHANT SEAMAN AND WANTED TO KNOW BEST PLACE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT, STATING HE HAD BEEN IN MOBILE, ALABAMA; PASCAGOULA, MISS., AND NEW YORK, N.Y. HE SAID HE COULD NOT EARN A LIVING IN NEW YORK. HE FURTHER MENTIONED HE HAD A GIRL FRIEND, BUT DID NOT MENTION HER NAME, ADDRESS, OR ANY DESCRIPTIVE DATA. HE DID STATE HE WAS NOT MARRIED. GALT'S SPEECH WAS NOT LOCAL, BUT WAS NOT SIMILAR TO NEW JERSEY ACCENT OF COX. WHEN LEAVING MOTEL, GALT STATED HE HAD TO GO HOME, BUT MENTIONED NO LOCATION. HE LEFT BY HIMSELF, COX REMAINING WITH INFORMANT. NO CAR WAS SEEN, HOWEVER, INFORMANT ASSUMES HE HAD ONE INASMUCH AS COX PROBABLY PICKED GALT UP IN A BAR AND NO OTHER BARS ARE LOCATED IN PROXIMITY OF THE MOTEL.

INFORMANT STATED SHE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH COX IN HOUSTON, TEXAS EARLY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND BROKE OFF RELATIONS WITH HIM LATE SEPTEMBER LAST.

HOUSTON, AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THOMAS JOSEPH COX THROUGH SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL UNION.

JACKSON, AT PASCAGOULA, MISS., WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

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MOBILE AT MOBILE, ALA., WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

NEW YORK AT NEW YORK, N.Y., WILL CONTACT AMERICAN BULK CARRIERS, NEW YORK, FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THOMAS JOSEPH COX IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE HIM. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SHAW GALT.

BIRMINGHAM, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION VICINITY OF TRAVEL LODGE MOTEL CONCERNING SHAW GALT.

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED AT WASHINGTON, D.C.,
AT FIVE FORTYFIVE P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE
AT SIX P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME. ALTHOUGH IT IS REALIZED THE
WIRE SERVICES WILL CARRY THE FULL TEXT, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN
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YOU ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE AVAILABLE TO
ALL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COPIES OF THE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ALREADY
IN YOUR POSSESSION. THE DESCRIPTIVE DATA ON THE BACKS OF
THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE DELETED. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER
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GALT, ALSO KNOWN AS HARVEY LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD." PHOTOGRAPH
NUMBER TWO SHOULD CARRY THE CAPTION, "ERIC STARVO GALT,
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 17, 1968

ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ERIC STARVO GALT IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE FBI AS A FUGITIVE ON A FEDERAL CHARGE ARISING FROM THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER STATED THAT A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED BY THE FBI IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TODAY CHARGING GALT WITH CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF DR. KING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, SECTION 241, OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

THE FBI COMPLAINT CHARGES THAT "ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29, 1968, AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ...ERIC STARVO GALT AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE ALLEGED TO BE HIS BROTHER, ENTERED INTO A CONSPIRACY WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL ON OR ABOUT APRIL 5, 1968, TO INJURE, OPPRESS, THREATEN, OR INTIMIDATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,... IN THE FREE EXERCISE OR ENJOYMENT OF A RIGHT SECURED TO HIM BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES; NAMELY, THE RIGHT TO FREELY TRAVEL FROM STATE TO STATE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS CONSPIRACY, ERIC STARVO GALT DID, ON OR ABOUT MARCH 30, 1968, PURCHASE A RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA..."

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, A 30.06 RIFLE EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT WAS FOUND NEAR A ROOMING HOUSE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET IN MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. KING OCCURRED. THE ROOMING HOUSE OVERLOOKS THE LORRAINE HOTEL AND MOTEL WHERE DR. KING WAS STAYING.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT FBI AGENTS DETERMINED THAT THE 30.06 RIFLE HAD BEEN PURCHASED FROM A GUN DEALER IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 30, 1968. THE TELESCOPIC SIGHT ALSO WAS PURCHASED FROM THIS DEALER.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT GALT, WHO HAS USED THE NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD AND HARVEY LOWMYER IN THE PAST, IS THE OWNER OF A 1966 WHITE MUSTANG BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE PLATES WHICH WAS LOCATED ABANDONED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON APRIL 11, 1968. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT GALT PURCHASED THIS CAR FROM A PRIVATE CITIZEN IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 30, 1967. THE MUSTANG'S ODOMETER SHOWED THAT IT HAD BEEN DRIVEN MORE THAN 19,000 MILES BETWEEN LATE AUGUST, 1967, AND EARLY APRIL, 1968.

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ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, GALT'S TRAVELS IN THE MUSTANG INCLUDED TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; AND MEXICO, AS WELL AS TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA. GALT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN MEMPHIS ON APRIL 3 AND 4, 1968, AND TO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THERE FOR ATLANTA.

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI HAS DISCLOSED THAT GALT HAS CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER VESSELS AND AS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. HE IS SAID TO BE AN AVID DANCER AND TOOK DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1964 AND 1965; IN BIRMINGHAM DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1967; AND IN LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA, FROM DECEMBER, 1967 TO FEBRUARY, 1968.

GALT LEFT LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 1967, AND DROVE HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE HE CLAIMED HE CONTACTED EITHER AN ENGINEERING OR A CONTRACTING FIRM. HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER 19TH AND ARRIVED BACK IN LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 21, 1967.

WHILE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA EARLY THIS YEAR, GALT TOOK A COURSE AT A SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AND WAS GRADUATED ON MARCH 2, 1968.

THE FUGITIVE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 8 INCHES TO 5 FEET 11 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS BETWEEN 160 AND 175 POUNDS. HE IS SAID TO BE A NEAT DRESSER AND HAS A MEDIUM BUILD.

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GALT HAS BROWN HAIR, WHICH HE WEARS IN A "BRUSH" CUT. HE REPORTEDLY HAS BLUE EYES;- HIS NOSE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW; HIS TEETH ARE STRAIGHT AND CLEAN; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIS DATE OF BIRTH AS JULY 20, 1931.

THE FUGITIVE IS SAID TO HAVE A NERVOUS HABIT OF OCCASIONALLY PULLING AT AN EAR LOBE WITH HIS HAND. HIS LEFT EAR PROTRUDES FARTHER FROM HIS HEAD THAN HIS RIGHT EAR.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, PERSONS WHO HAVE MET GALT DESCRIBE HIM AS A "LONER" AND STATE HIS LANGUAGE AND DICTION HAVE A "RURAL" QUALITY AND SUGGEST THAT HE PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH DEGREE OF EDUCATION. HE IS SAID TO DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HAS A PREFERENCE FOR VODKA AND BEER. HE IS A FAN OF WESTERN AND COUNTRY MUSIC.

GALT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

END AND HOLD PLS

FBI WASH DC

822PM URGENT 4/17/68 SAA

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

THE PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED YOUR OFFICES OF ERIC STARVO
GALT BY ROUTING SLIP FOUR SIXTEEN LAST CONTAIN THE
COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AS FURNISHED BY VARIOUS
WITNESSES. THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES CLOSED IS THE
ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH AS TAKEN IN MARCH SIXTY-EIGHT. THE
PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES OPEN IS THE SAME PHOTOGRAPH IN
WHICH THE EYES HAVE BEEN DRAWN IN BY AN ARTIST.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND JACKSON

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686 1P

MURKIN

REVEREND STEVE HAMMONDS, OKLAHOMA CITY, ADVISED HE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL AT SEVEN FIFTEEN PM ON FOUR THIRTEEN LAST, PROCEEDING EAST ON INTERSTATE FORTY ABOUT FORTY MILES EAST OF OKLAHOMA CITY, WHO RESEMBLED ARTIST CONCEPTION OF KING'S MURDERER WHICH APPEARED IN RECENT EDITION OF OKLAHOMA CITY NEWSPAPER. REVEREND HAMMONDS, WHO IS A FORMER OKLAHOMA CITY POLICEMAN STATED INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED WAS DRIVING A BLACK MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE WITH WHITE TOP BEARING HINDS COUNTY MISSISSIPPI LICENSE H B NINE THREE ONE SEVEN.

REVEREND HAMMONDS WAS SHOWN ARTIST CONCEPTIONS OF MEMPHIS SUBJECT AND BIRMINGHAM SUBJECT FURNISHED BY BUREAU AND ADVISED INDIVIDUAL HE SAW BEARS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO THE BIRMINGHAM SUBJECT. HE STATED PERSON HE SAW HAD A LONG SHARP NOSE, AND WAS DRESSED IN GREEN UNIFORM TYPE WORK CLOTHES.

JACKSON ASCERTAIN OWNER OF AUTOMOBILE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUSPECT IN THIS CASE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO JACKSON

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN, CR . OC: ME.

RE JACKSON TEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL EIGHT LAST.

FOR THE ADDITIONAL INFO OF JACKSON, ED WALDHEIM, THE GRAHAM PAPER CO., MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED THAT BROWN PAPER BAG BEARING THE NAME HOMESTEAD STUBBY, TWENTY POUNDER, IS HANDLED BY THEIR CO. AND NORTHERN MISS. IS SERVICED BY THE MEMPHIS FIRM. THEIR RECORDS REFLECT ONLY CO. TO HANDLE THIS SIZE BAG SINCE NOVEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, IS THE PETTIS CIGAR CO., OXFORD, MISS. SEVERAL THOUSAND OF THESE BAGS HAVE BEEN SOLD TO PETTIS SICE NOVEMBER. PETTIS IN TURN SELLS BAGS TO RETAIL STORES, ETC.

WALDHEIM ALSO ADVISED THAT GRAHAM PAPER CO., IN JACKSON MISS., ALSO SERVES PARTS OF THE STATE OF MISS., PRIMARILY SOUTHERN MISS.

THIS INFO BEING FURNISHED JACKSON AS INVESTIGATION RE PURCHASE OF BEER IS PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED AND MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE.

JACKSON CONTACT PETTIS CO., IN EFFORTS TO SECURE ADDITIONAL INFO RE THIS PURCHASE. P. END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG memo, 4/9/68; JN
tel to Bureau and Memphis, 4/9/68.

On 4/9/68 CLEM MC GOWAN, Section Chief, CRD, SOG, telephonically advised that FRED RAMSEY, Producer, NBC News, told Inspector TOM BISHOP that he recalled doing a TV show on the Neshoba County case several years ago and that Rev. EDGAR RAY KILLEN and his three sons who are in their early 20's or 30's resemble the artist's conception of the murderer of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. Further, that they all considered KING a dangerous person, and sooner or later KING would have to be killed.

It was requested that KILLEN and his sons should be considered suspects and that their time be accounted for during the pertinent periods of this case.

The following investigation was conducted:

On 4/9/68 Mrs. LONNIE RAY KILLEN, mother of EDGAR KILLEN, was interviewed (see attached FD-302) who advised that Rev. EDGAR KILLEN does not have any children. She stated she has five sons including EDGAR. She gave their names and ages and employments. She stated that all except ROY GENE KILLEN live at their home and he lives a short distance away. She stated all were at home on the morning and evening of 4/4/68 and could not have had anything to do with the murder of Rev. KING.

On 4/9/68 Rev. EDGAR RAY KILLEN was interviewed (see FD-302) who advised that he does not have any children. He stated that he has four brothers--ROY GENE KILLEN, age 39; BOBBY KILLEN, age 36; DONALD, 31; and JERRY, 29. He said



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that he, JERRY and BOBBY all worked at their sawmill in Brandon, Miss., on 3/29-30/68 as well as 4/4/68. He said that ROY GENE is employed at Midland Shirt Co., Union, Miss., and DONALD KILLEN is employed at J. F. Barnett Electric Co., Philadelphia, Miss. KILLEN stated that he knows nothing regarding the murder of Rev. KING.

On 4/9/68 MARDY KOGON, Manager, Midland Shirt Co., Union, Miss., advised that the records of his company reflect that KILLEN was at work from 6:40 a.m. to 4:12 p.m. on 4/4/68. Further, that he was employed on 3/29/68 from 6:41 a.m. until 4:10 p.m. on this date. (see FD-302)

On 4/9/68 DONALD KILLEN was interviewed and accounted for his whereabouts on 4/4/68. (see FD-302)

In addition to the above, neighborhood sources were contacted and verified whereabouts of suspects.

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Reverend EDGAR RAY KILLEN was contacted at his home and made aware of the identity of the interviewing agent and advised of the nature of the inquiry.

KILLEN stated that as best he can recall he and his two brothers, JERRY and BOBBY, were employed at their mill in Brandon, Mississippi, on March 29-30, 1968. He said that he definitely recalls that he and BOBBY were at the mill on April 4, 1968, and that JERRY was in the woods cutting logs. KILLEN said that he is married, but has no children. He added that his other two brothers, DONALD and ROY were at their respective employments. KILLEN added that all his brothers live at home with their mother and father with the exception of ROY who lives nearby in a small house. He added that he recalls that all were home on the evening when the news of the murder of Reverend KING was heard.

KILLEN stated that he did not desire to comment regarding the death of KING since anything he might say could be taken the wrong way.

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by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.:pdb Date dictated 4/10/68

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Date 4/17/68

DONALD KILLEN was contacted by agents at the J. F. Barnett Electric and Plumbing Company, 279 West Beacon Street. The identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry were made known to KILLEN. He was advised by SA RUCKER that he did not have to talk with the agents and that anything he did say could be used against him in a court of law. He was told that he could consult with an attorney of his own choice before making any statement and could have an attorney with him during interview if he so desired. No threats or promises were made to induce KILLEN to talk with the agents. An attempt was made to allow KILLEN to read a warning and waiver of rights form, which form he declined to read or sign.

KILLEN denied having played any part or having knowledge, other than what he had heard or read in the news, about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He related that he is employed at the Barnett Electric and Plumbing Company in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and that he did not work on the afternoon of April 4, 1968. He said that he could not recall his whereabouts on March 29 and 30, 1968. KILLEN did say that he does recall that on April 4, 1968, shortly after 6:00 p.m. he was at his home in rural Philadelphia, Mississippi, watching television when his television program was interrupted with a special announcement of KING's having been shot in Memphis, Tennessee. KILLEN then terminated the interview by saying that he was the brother of EDGAR RAY KILLEN who has been arrested by FBI agents in the past and "I'm a God-fearing man and have nothing further to say."

The following descriptive data was obtained obtained through observation:

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by SA JOHN B. RUCKER, JR. &
SA FRANK B. WATTS:JBR/pdb

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Name	DONALD KILLEN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Philadelphia, Mississippi
Height	5'10"
Weight	155-160
Hair	Black
Build	Medium
Features	Sharp

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/681

MARTIN KOGON, also known as Marty, advised that he is the manager of the Midland Shirt Company, Union, Mississippi. He advised that ROY GENE KILLEN is an employee of that company. He advised that according to their records (time clock), ROY KILLEN arrived for work on 6:40 a.m. and departed at 4:12 p.m. on March 29, 1968. He said that March 30, 1968, was a Saturday and that they did not operate on that date. He said that on April 4, 1968, ROY KILLEN checked in at 6:40 a.m. and departed at 4:12 p.m. He added that KILLEN has been employed with his company for several months and is a good employee.

KOGON described KILLEN as follows:

Name	ROY GENE KILLEN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	April 7, 1929
Place of birth	Neshoba County, Mississippi
Height	6'2"
Weight	190
Hair	Dark
Education	Three years high school
Marital status	Married; has no children

On 4/9/68 at Union, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR. & SA DONALD J. CESARE:JHP/pdb Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date 4/17/68

Mrs. LONNIE RAY KILLEN, Route 4, Union, Mississippi, was contacted by SA's DONALD J. CESARE and JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR., who immediately advised her of their identities as special agents of the FBI. Mrs. KILLEN was advised of the nature of the interview and voluntarily furnished the following information:

Mrs. KILLEN identified herself as the mother of EDGAR RAY KILLEN. She stated EDGAR had been "logging and sawing" as of late near Brandon, Mississippi, and would not return home until 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. each evening. She stated that EDGAR RAY is married, but does not have any children.

She related that she has five sons including EDGAR RAY. All but one married son reside with her at home. One son, ROY GENE, also known as "shorty", lives at the home adjacent to hers with his wife. ROY GENE is employed at the Midland Shirt Company in Union, Mississippi. The other sons she identified as JERRY, age 29, born February 27, 1939; DON, age 26, born June 28, 1942; and, BOBBY, age 36, born December 20, 1932. She further advised that DON is employed by Barnetts Electric Company of Philadelphia and that BOBBY and JERRY work with EDGAR RAY logging.

Mrs. KILLEN stated that none of her sons have been out of the state or on any extended trips during the past year or so. She stated that to the best of her recollection all her sons were at home on March 29, 1968, and March 30, 1968. She further recalled that at the time of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, she was watching television

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by SA DONALD J. CESARE &
SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.:DJC/pdb Date dictated 4/11/68

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advising of the incident. At the time she remembered EDGAR RAY relate to the other members of the family gathered to watch that it was a good thing that he was not in Memphis.

Mrs. KILLEN could furnish no further information.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SAs DONALD J. CESARE and M. PALMER MILLER:

AT PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

On April 9, 1968, Mrs. SHELBY SMITH, Route 4, Union, Mississippi, was contacted at her place of employment, Philadelphia High School, and advised that she presently lives adjacent to the KILLEN residence in Union, Mississippi. SMITH states that she has seen EDGAR RAY KILLEN and members of his family on almost a daily basis for the past two years. She related that she has not observed EDGAR RAY KILLEN or his brothers absent from their residence for any prolonged period of time. She added that the KILLENS were an "unusual family" in that they all live together and "pay their bills together."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are five FD-302's, 15 copies of each; and two report inserts, 15 copies of each; total 105 enclosures.

The FD-302's with J. E. RICKS, RICHARD DAVIS, JAMES EADY, JAMES LLOYD, and the insert concering PERCY SCARBOROUGH related to the laundry tag survey.

The FD-302 with Mr. JAMES JONES and the insert of SA KENNETH P. HUGHES relate to the Schlitz beer survey.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

J. E. RICKS, Laundry Manager, Delta State College, Cleveland, Mississippi, advised the laundry owned a Thermo Seal machine for marking laundry but the machine had not been used for over four years. He said for the last four years laundry had been marked at Delta State College by stamping each garment with the first initial of the student's last name and his student number in indelible ink.

Mr. RICKS said when the Thermo Seal machine had been used, it had placed a tape bearing a lot and serial number on each garment. He said there were no printed tapes available and there was no way the machine could be operated in its present location and condition.

He made available for examination a Thermo Seal machine, Model H5K1, serial number 31355, which was stored in a building about one block from the laundry on the Delta State campus. The machine was covered with dust and surrounded by other miscellaneous pieces of equipment.

On 4/10/68 at Cleveland, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA CHARLES W. WILMORE, JR.:ccs Date dictated 4/10/68

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Mr. RICHARD DAVIS, Superintendent, Crescent Laundry, furnished the following information:

The Crescent Laundry is one of two laundries in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to use the poly-mark system of laundry markings, the other being Southern Cleaners. The poly-mark machine, purchased from the South's main distributor, Pellerin Laundry Machine Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, prints a laundry mark on a piece of cloth tape and affixes this tape to the garment.

DAVIS advised that the cloth and tape for this machine comes in six colors plus stripes of white with these colors. He advised that the solid and striped colored tapes are varied weekly. DAVIS advised that no red tape is used, but that a shade of pink is a popular color. DAVIS related that this tape is bought from F. H. ROSS, Jackson, Mississippi.

DAVIS stated that all poly-mark machines print a laundry mark consisting of three segments, a number followed by a letter, followed by another number. He furnished the following key to the laundry mark used by Crescent Laundry:

First Number	1-99	Lot Number
Letter	A through Z (except I & O)	Week
Second Number	1-15	Customer Number

DAVIS advised that at the beginning of each week the lot number begins at one and continues as far as needed. He stated that lot numbers of less than ten use only this number and are not preceded by a zero in his system. He advised that some poly-mark machines may use a zero preceding a single digit, as he has seen such markings.

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by SA THOMAS E. BURG/pac Date dictated 4/11/68

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Thus, DAVIS advised the laundry mark 02B6 would not be made by his machines, for his machine would number this simply 2B6.

DAVIS stated that Crescent Laundry does work for nine other laundries in Hattiesburg, and that work for all these laundries bears these same markings. He stated that there is no way to tell what specific laundry has done a piece of work simply from looking at a laundry mark.

He stated that one other company, Southern Cleaners, uses the poly-mark method in this area. He advised that a competitive method, called thermo-seal, is of about the same popularity as poly-mark, and is used by one one laundry in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, this being the Phoenix Laundry. He stated that the tapes for these two systems are similar, but that the Thermo-seal machine uses thinner tape which is harder to remove from the garment.

DAVIS stated that he had no knowledge of whether or not the Southern Cleaners used a zero in front of a single digit in their laundry mark. He made available samples of unused poly-mark tape and several printed samples from his machine.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

Mr. JAMES EADY, manager, F. H. Ross Company, Commerce Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that his company distributes cleaning and laundry supplies to retail outlets in central Mississippi.

When shown a photograph of a pair of men's shorts and a T-shirt which bore a red-colored laundry mark, Mr. EADY stated that this tape was placed on the garments by a Thermo-Seal temporary identification machine. He said his company distributes this machine in central Mississippi. The only machine he knows about in his area is the Phoenix Laundry in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Mr. EADY said his company, which also maintains offices in Mobile, Alabama, handles any sales in the southern part of Mississippi, while the same company, with offices in Memphis, Tennessee, handles all business in northern Mississippi.

On 4/9/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA L. DEAN PAARMANN:mif Date dictated 4/9/68

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Date 4/9/68

Mr. JAMES LLOYD, Branch Manager, Rudolph Ramelli Company, South Commerce Street, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that his company distributes the Thermo-Seal marking machine in central and northern Mississippi, but that he knows of no machines in use in these areas, with the exception of the Phoenix Laundry in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Mr. LLOYD said his company's offices in New Orleans, Louisiana, handle any sales in the southern part of Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS E. BURG:

PERCY SCARBOROUGH, Peerless Laundry, advised that his laundry does not use the tape system of laundry marking as do other laundries in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He advised that his system uses a machine to make inked laundry marks directly on the garment, this not requiring laundry marking tape.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA KENNETH P. HUGHES at Southaven, Mississippi:

On April 15, 1968, the following business establishments in the Southaven area were contacted and displayed the two artist conception drawings from Memphis and Birmingham, with reference to the sale of a Schlitz 12-ounce beer can, pop-top, with the date March 15, 1968, thereon. All advised that they received their beer deliveries from the Service Beverage Company, Clarksdale, Mississippi:

Name of Person Contacted	Name of Store and address	Type of Paper Sacks Used
Mr. CARROLL TOMLIN	7-11 Store #34, 6099 Millbranch	Toreador
BILL BILLARD; JESSE HAMIL	Sunflower Store, 1540 State Line Road	Olin Hurst
HOBSON ANDERSON; Mrs. H. R. SCROGGINS	Oliver Drug Store 1541 State Line Road	Tuff-Oak (E-Z Pak)
TOM LEATHERWOOD; BILLY WAYNE HOOD	The 7-11 Store, 1525 State Line Road	Toreador Liberty Cash and Carry
DORIS HICKS; Mr. E. SMITH	Smith's Grocery Store, Highway 51, South	Toreador Olin Fillrite

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<u>Name of Person Contacted</u>	<u>Name of Store and address</u>	<u>Type of Paper Sacks Used</u>
WILMA GRAY	Ann's Lounge, Highway 51 South	Homestead Numbers 10 and 12 (does not have a number 20 Homestead)
NORA CUMBERLAND; GARY CUMBERLAND	Carl's Bar-B-Q 5916 Whitwall	Homestead number 12 (does not have any Homestead number 20)
ORVILLE ROBERTSON	The Market Place 4650 Highway 51 South	E-Z Open Sack
BUBBA DODSON; ERNIE WOMACK	Southaven Supper Club, Goodman Road, Horn Lake	Toreador Number 20

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Date 4/9/68

Mr. JAMES JONES, Mississippi Use Tax Division, Mississippi State Tax Commission, Woolfolk Building, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the numbering on beer cans has no special significance to his office or to the State of Mississippi.

Mr. JONES said that all Schlitz beer shipped into the state of Mississippi is canned in Longview, Texas, at the Schlitz Brewing Company, and that the Schlitz Company might be in a position to furnish information concerning numbering data on its cans.

On 4/9/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA L. DEAN PAARMANN:mif Date dictated 4/9/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are two report inserts, 15 copies of each, total 30 inserts, concerning investigation of suspect A. W. DENLSON.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA KENNETH P. HUGHES:

On April 13, 1968, W. H. BUFORD, Assistant
Postmaster, U.S. Post Office, Coldwater, Mississippi, after
reviewing his records, advised he could locate no record
on an A. W. DENLSON at Coldwater.

BUFORD advised that he has held this position for
approximately ten years and has never heard of anyone by the
name of A. W. DENLSON from Coldwater, Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA KENNETH P. HUGHES:

On April 13, 1968, a review of the telephone directories for Coldwater, Senatobia, Hernando, and Independence, Mississippi, failed to reflect the name A. W. DENLSON.

On April 13, 1968, JOHN PICKLE, dispatcher, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), Batesville, Mississippi, advised that Mississippi license W-2451 was issued to IKE DANIELS, 604 Short Street, Greenville, Mississippi, for a 1956 Plymouth two-door. PICKLE advised there was no stolen report on the vehicle or tag.

On April 13, 1968, the Credit Bureau at Oxford, Mississippi, advised that no record could be located on A. W. DENLSON or IKE DANIELS.

On April 13, 1968, Sheriff JOE W. TAYLOR (NA), Tate County Sheriff's Office, Senatobia, Mississippi, advised he did not know an individual by the name of A. W. DENLSON or IKE DANIELS.

TAYLOR stated he had reviewed his automobile registration records and could not locate a record of an automobile registered in Tate County, Mississippi, under either of the above names.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CHARLES W. WILMORE at Greenville, Mississippi:

On April 13, 1968, SA WILMORE telephonically advised that Mississippi license W-2451 was issued to IKE DANIELS, 604 Short Street North, Greenville, for a 1956 Plymouth two-door.

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SA WILMORE advised that the Greenville Police Department has a record on an IKE DANIELS, a Negro male, with date of birth 1892 or 1897. DANIELS has minor arrest charges.

SA WILMORE advised that the Greenville Police Department could not locate a record for an A. W. DENLSON; however, the Greenville Police Department did have a record on A. W. DONALDSON, who is ABNER WESSON DONALDSON, a white male.

A review of the bank burglary suspect album in the Jackson Division describes ABNER WESSON DONALDSON as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet 7 3/8 inches
Weight	171
Date of Birth	October 27, 1917
Place of Birth	Troy, Tennessee
FBI Number	2 172 508

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/9/68

FROM : SA L. DEAN PAARMANN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:45 PM today I received a telephone call from SA BOB RAY of the Syracuse, New York, Resident Agency, who stated that he was at the time he called at the Textile Marking Machine Company in Syracuse.

Agent RAY advised that he and other agents had been reviewing the Textile Marking Machine Company records in an effort to determine the number and whereabouts of Thermo-Seal machines in the state of Mississippi which are capable of handling $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-wide tape.

Agent RAY advised that the perusal of these records reflected the following laundries in the state of Mississippi as using the Thermo-Seal machine:

- 1) Amory Steam Laundry *Luan P. Smith*
Amory, Mississippi
Machine serial number 32028;
- 2) Delta State College - *Wilmore*
Cleveland, Mississippi
Machine serial number 31355;
- 3) Long's Laundry and Cleaners - *CASTLES*
130 East Main Street
Tupelo, Mississippi

It should be noted that this laundry has two machines, with the following serial numbers:

- a) 31728
- b) 31746;

*All leads covered,
inserts prepared & forwarded
to Memphis - JPB*
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- 4) Mississippi State University
State College, Mississippi (Starkville)

It should be noted that this laundry has two machines, with the following serial numbers:

- a) 31214
- b) 31215;

- 5) Phoenix Laundry and Dry Cleaners
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Machine serial number unknown.

Agent RAY advised that his office would probably set out this information to Jackson by teletype sometime today and that this teletype would suggest the following investigation:

It should be determined at each of the laundries if the same type coding or a similar-type coding is used as described in Bureau airtel to all offices dated 4/9/68.

It should be also determined if these laundries utilize the Thermo-Seal on laundry, as many companies use Thermo-Seal only on dry cleaning.

If the coding can be construed as similar and if the Thermo-Seal is used on laundry, exact replicas of the laundry mark on the clothing recovered by the Memphis Division should be cut by the Thermo-Seal machines utilized by these laundries, and these samples should be sent directly to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

Agent RAY also requested that in the event similarities are noted by investigating personnel at the laundry, this information should be immediately forwarded to Syracuse.

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For the information of the Resident Agents covering these leads, the following information was forwarded by teletype from the Director to all continental offices on 4/9/68:

"Among articles recovered at scene of shooting, apparently abandoned by unsub, were a pair of brownish checkered-print undershorts and white Jockey T-shirt bearing cloth laundry tags. These tags were made by a Thermo-Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. These tags are $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide and $1 \frac{1}{16}$ inch long, red in color, and bearing marking which appears to be 'O2B-6' or 'D2B-6.' Only a portion of the first mark is present on each tag, and this character is cut on a slight bias. No other visible laundry marks were found on either garment."

It should be noted that Agent RAY stated that the particular machine which cut the above mentioned tape was probably not in good working order and cut the tape slightly shorter than the manufacturer intended, thereby cutting off part of the first character.

LEADS:

COLUMBUS RA

AT AMORY, MISSISSIPPI. Contact Amory Steam Laundry and conduct the above requested investigation.

GREENVILLE RA

AT CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI. Contact Delta State College and conduct the above requested investigation.

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TUPELO RA

AT TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI. Contact Long's Laundry and Cleaners and conduct the above requested investigation on both listed machines.

COLUMBUS RA

AT STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI. Contact Mississippi State University and conduct the above requested investigation on both listed machines.

HATTIESBURG RA

AT HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI. Contact Phoenix Laundry and Dry Cleaners and conduct the above requested investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND DALLAS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

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LEE MEREDITH, FORMER SHERIFF, DE SOTO CO., HERNANDO, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DRAWING APPEARING IN THE MEMPHIS, TENN. NEWSPAPER RESEMBLES ONE OF THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED IN HERNANDO, MISS., FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, DURING THE JAMES MEREDITH MARCH IN SIXTYSEVEN.

REVIEW OF JACKSON FILES REVEALS THAT AMERICAN NAZI PARTY STORM TROOPERS WHO APPEARED IN MISS. AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY MHSP, WERE ROBERT ALLAN SURREY, JERALD, THOMAS WALRAVEN, RICHARD JUDSON DICKINSON, ALVIN NEIL GRAY, AND TOMMY WADE ORAN.

DALLAS REVIEW YOUR FILE ONE FIFTY SEVEN - EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN RE MEREDITH MARCH AND ONE FIFTY SEVEN - FIFTY, AMERICAN NAZI PARTY RE SUBJECT'S TRAVEL TO MISS. DURING SIXTYSEVEN

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MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA,
PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO, SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN; CR; OO: ME.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ABOVE OFFICES; APRIL SIXTEEN, LAST.

ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE OF ERIC STARVO GALT
LISTS DESCRIPTION OF WM, BORN JULY TWENTY, NINETEEN
THIRTY ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE
POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR.

NEW ORLEANS COMPARE DESCRIPTIONS OF FIFTY WHITE
MALES CONTAINED ON LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSES AGAINST
ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE DESCRIPTION AND ELIMINATE
OBVIOUS NON-IDENTS. LOCATE REMAINING PERSONS AND
OBTAIN ADEQUATE BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING
COMPARISONS BY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. ASCERTAIN
LOCATION OF LICENSES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF THIS
CASE.

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DO LIKEWISE IF
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IS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE. P. END.

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TO MOBILE AND ATLANTA

FROM JACKSON

MURKIN

ROBERT DUVAL ROGERS, FIVE TEN SPANISH MAIN, SPANISH
FORT, ALABAMA, CONTACTED MERIDIAN RESIDENT AGENCY THIS
DATE AND ADVISED THAT ABOUT TWO P.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST,
HE LEFT SPANISH FORT ALABAMA, EN ROUTE MORTON, MISSISSIPPI.
ROGERS STATED HE DROVE THROUGH SARALAND TO CITRONELLE, ALABAMA,
AND AS HE STARTED TO TURN RIGHT ON U.S. HIGHWAY FORTYFIVE
AT ROSA A. LOTT NEGRO SCHOOL AND PETROLEUM CLUB ON
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UNKNOWN GEORGIA LICENSE PLATE. ROGERS SAID HE PULLED
IN BEHIND THIS RAMBLER GOING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION
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ROGERS STATED HE RECALLED SEEING A SIGN NEAR THIS DIRT ROAD WHICH READ "MOBILE FORTYTHREE MILES." ROGERS STATED HE TURNED AROUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY SEVENTEEN AND WENT BACK TO THE DIRT ROAD WHERE HE SAW THE RAMBLER GOING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED OVER THE HILLS IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ON THIS DIRT ROAD. ROGERS STATED JUST PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING SPANISH FORT HE HAD OBSERVED SUCH A SKETCH OF THE SUSPECT WHO KILLED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING IN MOBILE, ALABAMA, NEWSPAPER. HE STATED THAT THE MAN DRIVING THE ABOVE MENTIONED RAMBLER AUTOMOBILE BORE A VERY CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO THAT SKETCH. ROGERS DESCRIBED THE DRIVER OF THAT CAR AS A WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, BLACK OR BROWN HAIR, RECEDING HAIRLINE AND A THIN FACE. HE SAID THIS MAN HAD DARK CLOTHING HANGING IN THE BACK

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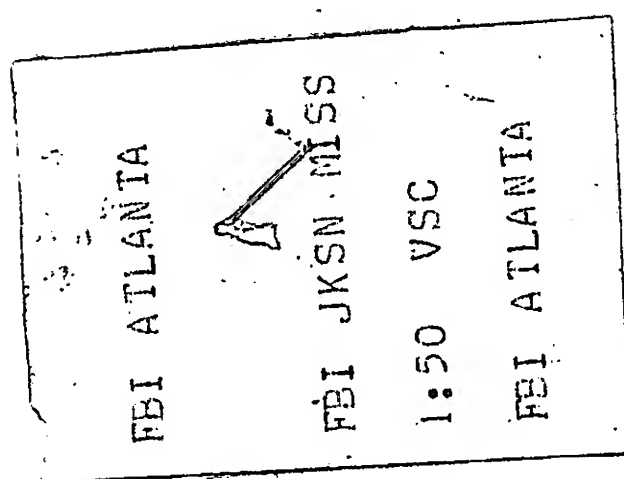
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

Re Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau and Jackson,
dated 4/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an investigative
insert and three FD 302's. The investigative insert sets
forth in detail the contents of referenced communication
concerning information furnished by Reverend STEVE HAMMONDS,
Oklahoma City. The FD 302 interviews of DAVID MARLON BREWER,
OSCAR MAYNARD WORD and JACK C. PETERS, all of Jackson,
eliminate OSCAR MAYNARD WORD as a possible suspect in
captioned matter.

There are fifteen (15) copies of each enclosure,
identified above, for Memphis.

There are four enclosures for Oklahoma City,
one copy of each item identified above.

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Information received from the Oklahoma City FBI Office on April 14, 1968, reveals that Reverend STEVE HAMMONDS, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, observed an individual at 7:15 p.m. on April 13, 1968, proceeding east on Interstate Highway 40, about forty miles east of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This individual resembled the artist conception of the murderer of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING which recently appeared in an Oklahoma City newspaper. Reverend HAMMOND, a former Oklahoma City policeman, stated this individual was driving a black Mustang convertible with white top and the vehicle was bearing 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317.

Reverend HAMMONDS was interviewed by the FBI at Oklahoma City and advised that the artist sketch of the individual observed at Birmingham in connection with this case bears some resemblance to the individual observed by him in the above mentioned Mustang. He stated that the individual he saw had a long sharp nose and was dressed in green uniform type work clothes.

On April 15, 1968, Sheriff FRED THOMAS, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 was issued to DAVID BREWER, 5063 Sharpe Street, Jackson, Mississippi, for a 1962 Ford.

DAVID BREWER, 1043 Pyle Street, Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS on April 15, 1968, regarding the 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 which was issued to a 1962 Ford owned by BREWER. The interview is as follows:

Date 4/15/68

DAVID MARLON BREWER, 1043 Pyle Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephone number 352-6813, was interviewed at his place of employment, Hodges Engineering Company, 5175 Galaxie Street, Jackson, Mississippi. BREWER was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry. He furnished the following voluntary information:

BREWER advised that he is the owner of a 1965 black Mustang convertible with a white top and the vehicle has 1968 Mississippi license HB-9317 on it. This tag was purchased for a 1962 Ford Falcon which was sold to a teenager in Jackson, Mississippi, and BREWER removed the tag and placed it on the Mustang when he purchased it, without advising anyone of the transfer of license plate. BREWER advised that he has not been in this Mustang recently since he was having trouble making the monthly payments and he let OSCAR WORD, an employee of the Briarwood Texaco Station, Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi, take over the vehicle and the monthly payments in February, 1968. BREWER advised that WORD has been having trouble with his wife recently and about a week ago, she took the Mustang and their children and left WORD, allegedly going to stay with her mother at Las Vegas, Nevada. About Wednesday, April 10, 1968, WORD found out where his wife was in Nevada and took a bus there immediately to either bring her back or bring the Mustang vehicle back.

BREWER advised he has not seen WORD for about a week but believes he will be back at work at the Briarwood Texaco Station as soon as he returns to Mississippi.

BREWER described OSCAR WORD as follows:

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by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS:ccs Date dictated 4/15/68

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 36 years of age
Height	Six feet tall
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, curly
Complexion	Dark
Scars	Scar over bridge of nose
Employment	Briarwood Texaco Station, Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi,
Marital Status	Married
Children	Three or four school children.

BREWER described himself as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Terry, Mississippi
Height	Five feet eleven inches
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Scars	One inch scar on outside of left eye
Employment	Employed for about 2 years at Hodges Engineering Company, 5175 Galaxie Street, Jackson
Marital Status	Married
Children	[REDACTED]

BREWER advised that the manager of the Briarwood Texaco Service Station, Mr. JACK C. PETERS, would be able

to assist in locating OSCAR WORD in the event he has not returned to work in Jackson. BREWER said he feels certain WORD would have been the individual driving the above Mustang convertible in Oklahoma on April 13, 1968, and very likely WORD was returning to Mississippi with this vehicle.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

OSCAR MAYNARD WORD, 3434 Midlawn Street, Jackson, Mississippi, in care of Mrs. M. M. HEARD, telephone number 366-8209, was interviewed at his place of employment, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55 North, Jackson, Mississippi. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of the nature of the inquiry.

WORD advised that about one week ago his wife, MARY, took their five children and his Mustang automobile and left him, driving to the home of her mother in Las Vegas, Nevada. WORD subsequently found out where she was and left Jackson, Mississippi, on Wednesday, April 10, 1968, to go and get her or at least pick up the automobile which he had only made two payments on.

He stated he hitched a ride and also traveled by bus part of the way to Nevada. He stated he obtained the black Mustang convertible with a white top from his wife and drove it back to Mississippi alone. He stated he passed through Oklahoma City late Saturday afternoon.

WORD advised he arrived back in Jackson, Mississippi, Sunday night, first stopping by his place of employment and then checking into Baker Motel, Highway 49, North Jackson. He stayed in Unit Number 8 of this motel for one night. He stated he plans to live with his mother temporarily in Jackson since he and his wife are now separated.

WORD stated that the Mustang which he now has possession of was purchased by DAVID BREWER, an acquaintance of his at Jackson, Mississippi, but BREWER was unable to keep up the monthly payments and let WORD have the vehicle on February 12, 1968, letting WORD take up the payments.

On 4/15/68 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS/bkh Date dictated 4/16/68

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WORD advised that the Mississippi License Plate which is on the Mustang now, 1968 Mississippi HB-9317, is the same license plate that has been on the vehicle since he obtained it. He stated he understands BREWER bought this license plate for a Ford Falcon but switched it to the Mustang after selling the Falcon.

WORD advised he works regularly at the Briarwood Texaco Service Station from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. six days a week and has not been off from work any this year other than the trip to Nevada mentioned above. He stated he is off each Thursday all day which is his regular day off. WORD advised he has not been in Memphis, Tennessee, or Birmingham, Alabama, during the past six months. He stated that on April 4, 1968, he was at Jackson, Mississippi. He stated he was working on a car behind the service station where he works at about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, and was talking to CLINTON BROWN, at which time he heard about Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING's being shot at Memphis, Tennessee.

WORD is described as follows through interview and observation:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	February 13, 1930
Place of Birth	Carrollton, Georgia
Height	5'11"
Weight	137 Pounds
Build	Slim
Hair	Medium Brown
	Long and Curly
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and Marks	Small diagonal scar across bridge of nose

Tattoos

Colored flower with word "Love"
on left forearm; butterfly
on right forearm shaped like
"J"

Marital Status

Married

Wife

MARY RUTH

Children

Six, ages 4 through 17

Employment

Attendant, Briarwood Texaco
Service Station, 5575 Interstate
55 North, Jackson, Mississippi
employed for past year

Previous

Employment

Truck driver for various
companies, traveling throughout
the United States

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Date April 16, 1968

Mr. JACK C. PETERS, owner, Briarwood Texaco Service Station, 5575 Interstate 55, North, Jackson, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry.

PETERS advised that OSCAR M. WORD has been employed regularly by this service station for approximately one year. He stated WORD works from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. or later, six days a week. His regular day off is Thursday of each week.

PETERS stated that WORD has not been absent from work any day this year to his recollection other than the past few days when he made a trip to Nevada to obtain his 1965 black Mustang convertible with a white top, which his wife had taken, about a week ago.

PETERS advised that WORD is a steady worker, has a good reputation, and he stated he has no reason to believe WORD would be involved in any type of racial violence.

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by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS/bkh Date dictated 4/16/68

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Enclosed for Memphis are nine FD-302's, 15 copies of each, and two report inserts, 15 copies of each, total of 165 enclosures.

The enclosed material concerns investigation to identify laundry tag marker in the State of Mississippi.

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Date April 10, 1968

RAYMOND L. WILSON, Supervisor of Maintenance,
Ellisville State School, made available sample markings
of the state school laundry marking machines described
below:

Thermo - Seal
Identification Machine
Textile Marking Machine Company, Inc.
Syracuse, New York
Model Number H5K2
Serial Number 31214

Thermo - Seal
Identification Machine
Textile Marking Machine Company, Inc.
Syracuse, New York
Model Number H5K2
Serial Number 31215

According to Mr. WILSON, these marking
machines are used only to mark employees' laundry.
Usually, the employee's name or initials and numbers
are used in the markings.

Mr. WILSON pointed out that the red samples
were made on machine with serial number 31214; and he
stated that metal staples were never used in these marking
tags to his knowledge.

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by SA BERNARD C. LANG/bkh Date dictated 4/10/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/10/68

M. D. HOOD was contacted at his place of employment, Hood Laundry. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. He furnished the following information:

HOOD stated that he purchased the Amory Steam Laundry during the first part of 1964 from FLOYD AGNEW. He stated that he sold the laundry in May, 1964, to W. J. DUNCAN. HOOD continued that during the time he operated the laundry, he knew of no marking machine utilized by the laundry other than the national marking machines that are presently at that laundry. He stated if there was a Thermo-seal machine in use prior to his owning the laundry, Mr. AGNEW would have this information. He stated he did not know AGNEW's location, except that he lived in Mobile, Alabama; however, AGNEW's son-in-law, C. H. HESTER, would know AGNEW's address.

On 4/10/68 at Amory, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA BRENT W. WARBERG: cmb Date dictated 4/10/68

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W. J. DUNCAN was contacted at his place of employment, Duncan Steam Laundry. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. He furnished the following information:

DUNCAN stated he is the owner-manager of the Duncan Steam Laundry. He stated he purchased this laundry from M. D. HOOD in May, 1964, and took over operation on May 4, 1964. He stated the laundry was originally known as the Amory Steam Laundry.

DUNCAN stated that he has two marking machines, which he uses to mark laundry. He stated that both of these machines are national marking machines which are manufactured by the National Marking Machine Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. The serial numbers of these machines are 1158-C and 1155-C.

DUNCAN continued that when he took over operation of the laundry, there were also three other marking machines; however, these machines were obsolete and broken down. He stated two of them were national marking machines and the other was a perfection marker which was manufactured in Denver, Colorado. He stated that the machines now in operation were there when he took operation of the laundry and to his knowledge, had been in use at the laundry for several years prior to his taking over control.

DUNCAN stated that his marking machines do not use tape. He marks laundry right on the garment. The ink utilized is indelible black ink. He stated the only code he uses has the initials of the persons or the owner of the laundry, and a dash and a number designation, which is utilized for deliveries by his laundry in the surrounding area. This number designation goes from one to five; the number one being deliveries in Amory, Mississippi, and orders ~~which are brought into the laundry and picked up at the laundry.~~

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Numbers two through five are route numbers, the routes of which are designated by the laundry. He stated that he knew nothing concerning a Thermoseal machine but the previous owner, M. D. HOOD, may know if a Thermoseal machine was utilized by the laundry.

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C. H. HESTER, 801-12th Avenue North, was contacted at his place of employment, the Mississippi National Guard, Amory, Mississippi. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and he furnished the following information:

HESTER stated that his father-in-law, FLOYD AGNEW, is currently the manager at the Ramada Inn in Mobile, Alabama. He stated his father-in-law's address is 2212 St. Teresa, Mobile, Alabama.

HESTER stated he does not know very much about his father-in-law's operation of the Amory Steam Laundry, but he does recall that when laundry was marked, it was marked in indelible ink on the garment and the marking had the initials of the garment owner, then a single numeral designation which was utilized for route delivery in and around the Amory, Mississippi, area. He stated he did not know what brand of machinery is father-in-law utilized at the laundry.

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R. B. TULLOS, manager, Mississippi State Laundry, Mississippi State University, State College, Mississippi, telephonically furnished the following information:

He said he was mistaken regarding the Thermo-Seal machine bearing Serial Number 31214 and Serial Number 31215 having been given to the University of Mississippi at Oxford, Mississippi two or three years ago.

He said a complete check of the records of the Mississippi State Laundry discloses that the two marking machines referred to above were turned over to the Ellisville State School, Ellisville, Mississippi in August, 1965, by the authorities at the Mississippi State Laundry, State College, Mississippi.

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by SA LYNN P. SMITH/brh Date dictated 4/10/68

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Date April 10, 1968

Mr. R. B. TULLOS, Manager, Laundry, Mississippi State University, State College, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

He said that the Mississippi State University Laundry had two Thermo Seal machines which he utilized in marking khaki clothing three or four years ago. He stated that he does not know the serial number of these machines but that to the best of his recollection, he believes that he transferred these two Thermo Seal machines two or three years ago to the laundry at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi. He knows for positive that he has not used the Thermo Seal machines for at least three years. The only marking machine that he currently has in the plant is a Tag-O-Lectric which is manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company of Syracuse, New York. This machine bears Serial #23730.

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Date 4/11/68

Mr. CHALMERS LANE, Director, Ellisville State School, advised that there is no one employed at the school by the following names:

JOHN WILLARD,
HARVEY LOWMEYER,
HARVEY LOWMYER,
ERIC S. GALT.

Mr. LANE further advised that the only male employee who was off work in late March and early April was RICHARD DUHON. DUHON did not work the following days due to normal days off and reported illness: March 27, 28, 29, 1968, and April 3, 4, 5, 1968.

Mr. LANE stated that according to his employment records DUHON who has been employed for approximately two months is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	39
Height	Five feet eight inches
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown and wavy
Characteristics	Slight French appearance
Address	Moselle, Mississippi
Employment	Attendant, Men's Dormitory, Ellisville State School.

On 4/11/68 at Ellisville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA BERNARD C. LANG:ccs Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date 4/11/68

THOMAS N. BEARD, JR., Officer Manager, Long's Laundry and Cleaners, 130 East Main Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry, advised that his organization has two Thermal-seal marking machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. Mr. BEARD stated that these marking machines are used only on laundry and are not used on dry-cleaning.

Mr. BEARD stated that the code "02B6" or "D2B6" are not codes used by his company. Mr. BEARD made available two samples of marking tapes, one sample being a striped white and blue tape with the number 66B 1 and a pink tag tape with number 67 B 1 on it. Mr. BEARD stated that the first numerals appearing before the letter are numbered 1 to 100 which denotes the lot number. He stated the letter B would be the first hundred tickets in the lot number, and after 100, would appear a double letter; for example, BB. Mr. BEARD stated the last number, #1, would be the ticket number in the lot. Mr. BEARD stated that his above two colors are the only two colors used by his laundry, and that they do not use a red-colored marking tape.

Mr. BEARD could offer no information concerning the identity of the laundry using the code 02B 6 or D2B 6. He stated that each individual laundry uses their own code.

Mr. BEARD stated that inasmuch as his company was in the process of running full production on laundry,

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by SA FRANCIS. G. HONAN/bjk Date dictated 4/10/68

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he could not change his machines to stamp out a code number 02B 6 inasmuch as he would have to run his machine completely through its series and then start over, and this would be impractical to do at the present time.

Mr. BEARD further advised that his company does not keep permanent records concerning customers; however, stated that the following names were not familiar to him:

JOHN WILLARD;
HARVEY LOWMEYER;
HARVEY LOWMYER or ERIC STARVAL GALT

Mr. BEARD stated that the above machines, which bears serial numbers 11803 and 11804, are the only textile marking machine company machines used by his company in Tupelo, Mississippi. He further stated that he knows of no other laundries in Tupelo, Mississippi, that use this marking machine.

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Date 4/15/68

M. E. TOOTLE, Manager, base laundry, Keesler Air Force Base, advised that his business employs four Thermo-Seal machines manufactured by Textile Marking Machines Company, Syracuse, New York.

Mr. TOOTLE advised that to the best of his knowledge, this is the only laundry on the Gulf Coast which utilizes the Thermo-Seal marking machines. He advised that the machine is supplied with tapes which come in eleven various colors, including the color red and he stated his employees merely rotate the color and that therefore, colors have no significance per se.

He further stated that the marking system which he devised for himself, reflects the lot number, employees initials, and bundle number. Mr. TOOTLE advised that his company did not use either of the following codings:

O2B-6 or D2B-6.

Mr. TOOTLE made available the following samples from his Thermo-Seal machines as indicated below for submission to the FBI Laboratory for analysis and comparison:

<u>Number of Tape</u>	<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Serial Number of machines</u>
5	O2B-6	33746
5	D2B-6	33746
5	D2B-6	33891

On 4/11/68 at Biloxi, Mississippi File # Jackson, 157-9586

by SA PAUL A. MEISSNER, JR./brh Date dictated 4/15/68

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<u>Number of Tape</u>	<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Serial Number of machines</u>
5	D2B-6	33743
5	O2B-6	33891
4	D2B-6	33742
4	O2B-6	33743
5	O2B-6	33742

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The following investigation was conducted at Amory, Mississippi, on April 12, 1968, by SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

ROBERT P. HOOD, co-owner, Hood Brothers Laundry, advised that when he and his brother, M. D. HOOD, purchased the Amory Steam Laundry from FLOYD AGNEW there was an inventory on all laundry equipment made. He stated the original copy of this inventory is maintained with the Bank of Amory, Amory, Mississippi.

HOOD continued that when they originally purchased the laundry there was an abandoned building located in back of the laundry building. This building was filled with old clothing which AGNEW had used for rental clothing, and was also filled with dilapidated machinery. He stated the clothing was sold and the machinery was taken to a dump and disposed of. He stated that if the Amory Steam Laundry had a Thermo-Seal marking machine and it was not listed with the inventory, then this machine was dumped with the dilapidated machinery.

HOOD also stated that the only marking machine which they brought to their present location from the Amory Steam Laundry was a National marking machine which bears Serial Number 1736X10. He stated that at no time does he recall that the Amory Steam Laundry had a Thermo-Seal marking machine.

JOHN B. WRIGHT, Vice President and Cashier, Bank of Amory, made available the original copy of the inventory which was made when ROBERT P. HOOD and M. D. HOOD purchased the Amory Steam Laundry from FLOYD AGNEW. A review of this inventory failed to reflect the purchase of a Thermo-Seal marking machine.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR:

AT PASCAGOULA AND MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI

On April 11, 1968, the following individuals were contacted. All persons contacted at the following laundry and dry cleaning establishments stated they did not use a Thermo-Seal laundry marking machine, and know of no such machines in this area. These contacts represent all dry cleaning and laundry establishments in the Pascagoula-Moss Point area. Persons contacted also stated that the names of JOHN WILLARD and ERIC STARVO GALT are unknown to them:

1. MILTON PETERZELL, owner,
Peterzell's Laundry,
909 11th Street,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

He stated he is familiar with Thermo-Seal equipment, but he uses a staple gun to attach laundry markers. The laundry mark numbers of 02B-6 or D2B-6 are unfamiliar. He advised that Thermo-Seal is expensive equipment and would only be used by larger laundry plants in larger cities such as Mobile, Alabama, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

2. LLOYD GRADY, owner,
Ideal Dry Cleaners,
657 Polk Street,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Names and laundry numbers unfamiliar. Doesn't use Thermo-Seal equipment.

3. ED BRANDENBURG
Drive-In Cleaners, Inc.,
903 Kenneth Avenue,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Does not use Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

4. Mrs. ALICE TREHERN
Joe's Dry Cleaning Service,
212 South Canty,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Doesn't use Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

5. JACK SINGLEY, owner,
One Hour Martinizing,
1019 Denny Avenue,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Does not launder any underwear. Does not use Thermo-Seal equipment and names and numbers unfamiliar.

6. GEORGE GILMORE, owner,
Port City Cleaners & Laundry,
Old Mobile Highway,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

7. BAYLOUS STOKES,
Stokes Cleaners,
915 East Ingalls Avenue,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

8. ~~Mrs. E. D. WRIGHT~~
~~Wright's Dry Cleaners,~~
821-A Market,
Pascagoula, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Names and numbers unfamiliar.
Doesn't launder underwear.

9. ~~J. F. BAXTER,~~
~~Baxter's Cleaners,~~
133 McInnis Avenue,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Doesn't do laundry.

10. ~~OLLIE DAVIS,~~
~~Brooks Cleaners,~~
1424 Main Street,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. Uses a marker pen. Names and numbers not familiar.

11. ~~Mrs. H. M. CAMPBELL,~~
~~Campbell's Cleaners,~~
1516 Main Street,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal. No laundry except shirts. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

12. ~~Mrs. VIOLA FINCH~~
~~City Cleaners & Laundry,~~
806 Main Street,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal, uses an ink pen. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

13. ~~SHELLEY TEAGUE,~~
Community Cleaners,
1414 Frederic,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal, uses staples to attach Ace Clipper laundry tags. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

14. ~~CAROL SMITH,~~
Dutch Bayou Cleaners,
Escatawpa, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal, uses ink pen. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

15. ~~ARTHUR ROBERTS,~~
Star Cleaners,
Jackson Park,
Moss Point, Mississippi

No Thermo-Seal, uses an indelible marker pencil and white laundry tags. Names and numbers unfamiliar.

He also advised that Mary's Laundry and Cleaners, Kreole, Mississippi, is now closed and is now a pick-up station for Community Cleaners. They do not using marking equipment now and never used Thermo-Seal equipment. They also used an indelible ink pencil.

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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of an FD 302 interview with JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, wherein WILLARD was interviewed on 4/5/68. This is a revised FD 302 in that in the second paragraph on page 1, line 2 the date April 5 has been changed to read April 4, 1968.

Memphis destroy previous 15 copies furnished.

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Date 4/8/68

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, after being advised of the nature of the inquiry and the identity of the interviewing agents, was given a form entitled "Your Rights" and after reading the form and signing the "Waiver of Rights" section of the form, furnished the following information concerning his activities. On April 4, 1968, he stated that he arrived at his place of employment, the Day Brite Lighting, Incorporated, plant located at South Green and Day Brite Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, shortly before 7:00 A.M. He said that he was at the plant all the day long and punched out several minutes after 3:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968. He related after leaving the plant he and BILLY GLENN DOWDY went to the Union Hall located on North Spring Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, and attended a union meeting of local 1028, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. This union meeting lasted until shortly before 5:00 P.M., after which time he and DOWDY got into his 1968 Ford pickup Deluxe, yellow and white, having no license plate, and drove to the home of DOWDY located on Warren Street, Pontotoc, Mississippi, where he let DOWDY out of the truck and then he proceeded to his home located west of Pontotoc, Mississippi, on Highway 6, approximately five miles.

WILLARD stated that when he arrived at his home around 5:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, his wife, BARBARA NELL, and their son, RANDY JOE, were already at home. He said he did not leave his home after arriving home and retired for the evening around 8:30 P.M. He stated that prior to his evening meal, he started mowing the lawn.

WILLARD stated he did not go to Memphis on April 4, 1968, and has not been to Memphis in approximately a month, at which time he had visited a brother who resides in Southaven, Mississippi. WILLARD further stated that he has no knowledge of the individual or individuals responsible for the shooting of Dr. KING, stating that the only information he has is what he

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by SA JOHN S. CASTLES
SA FRANCIS G. HONAN/JSC:bls Date dictated 4/5/68

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learned while viewing television.

The following description of WILLARD was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	JOHN HUBEART WILLARD
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth:	Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Height:	5 feet 11 inches
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown - normally wears crew cut but now hair growing out
Education:	9th grade, Hurricane School, Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Military Service:	None
Selective Service Board:	Pontotoc County, Pontotoc, Mississippi
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	BARBARA NELL WILLARD, nee DAY, Route 5, Pontotoc, Mississippi, employed Credit Bureau, Oxford, Mississippi
Children:	[REDACTED] 4th grade student, Thaxton School, Pontotoc County, Mississippi
Parents:	Mr. and Mrs. ENIS D. WILLARD, Hurricane Community, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, mailing address Route 1, Thaxton, Mississippi
Brothers:	KENNETH D. WILLARD, 28

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Sisters:

Admitted arrests:

Previous residences:

Social Security Number:

Occupation:

Dudley Street,
Southaven, Mississippi,
employed Mengle Box
Company, Memphis,
Tennessee

~~SHIRLEY QUAY WILLARD, 22~~

~~Pontotoc, Mississippi,~~
employed Brookwood

Manufacturing Company,
Pontotoc, Mississippi

LINDER WILLARD, 36,

Route 1, Thaxton,

Mississippi

Mrs. W. K. (BILLY JOYCE) WILLIAM

street address unknown,

Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. PETE (JUNE) BLACK,

street address unknown,

Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. KENNETH (FRANCES) FRANKLIN,

street address unknown,

Southaven, Mississippi

Mrs. GARDNER (JEAN) BULLINGTON,

street address unknown,

Southaven, Mississippi

1958 - offense occurred

Pontotoc County, Mississippi,

but arrested in Memphis,

Tennessee, three years

probation; 1966 - public

drunk, Pontotoc, Mississippi;

several traffic violations

Pontotoc County, Mississippi,

except a period of residence,

1958, at 1850 Jefferson

Street, Memphis, Tennessee

Assemblyman, Day Brite

Lighting, Incorporated,

Tupelo, Mississippi, five

years

Vehicles:

1968 Ford pickup
Deluxe, yellow and
white, no license
plates, owned approximately
two weeks; white 1968
model Volkswagen used by
wife for transportation
to Oxford

WILLARD voluntarily consented to be photographed
and photographs obtained.

JOHN WILLARD stated he knows of no other persons
named JOHN WILLARD and he knows of no reason why anyone
might use his name. He stated he owns a Remington Semi-
Automatic .22 caliber rifle and a very old .410 shotgun.

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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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Enclosed for Memphis are four FD 302's, 15 copies of each, and three report inserts, 15 copies of each, total enclosures of 105.

These enclosures and/or FD 302's concern the following:

Interview of F. M. VAUGHAN, Hunter Distributing Company, Columbus, Mississippi, - Schlitz beer;

Interview of ROBERT A. MC PHERSON, Hardware Dealer, Columbus, Mississippi, - Re Rompage Hardware;

Interview of TOMMY HARROLSON and SONNY SMITH, Employees of G and H Liggett Rexall Drugstore, Columbus, Mississippi;

The insert of HILLIS MC LEMORE concerns the attempt to identify "Homestead" brown paper bags.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

F. M. VAUGHAN, Assistant Manager, Hunter Distributing Company, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

The Hunter Distributing Company, which distributes Schlitz beer in the Columbus, Mississippi, area, did not receive any shipments of beer from Longview, Texas, dated March 15, 1968. He explained that the code 03/158 meant that the beer was shipped from Longview, Texas, on that date.

He stated that they received three cars of beer with beer dated March 28, 1968, and that they received one car of beer with beer dated March 14, 1968, but none dated March 15, 1968.

On 4/12/68 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA LYNN P. SMITH /blw Date dictated 4/15/68

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Date 4/5/68

TOMMY HARROLSON, manager and owner, G and H Liggett Rexall Drugstore, furnished the following information:

HARROLSON stated that cash-register receipts for cash purchases made in his drugstore are automatically dated by the cash register. He stated that each cash-register receipt carries the title

G and H
Rexall Drug
Columbus, Mississippi

Following this heading is the date of the purchase and below the date of the purchase is the amount of the purchase.

HARROLSON stated that each cash-register receipt has a number; however, these numbers are immaterial to the business of his store. He stated that when the numbers reach a level which he thinks is high, he flips a switch on the cash register and the numbers start over. Therefore, the numbers mean nothing and no information concerning the accounting procedure of the store is filed by these numbers.

HARROLSON continued that the only other tickets handled by his drugstore are charge tickets, which carry the name G and H Liggett Rexall Drugstore, Columbus, Mississippi. He stated that the date has to be written in by a clerk and the numbers on these receipts go only to 50.

On 4/5/68 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA BRENT W. WARBERG & SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN:BWW:mif Date dictated 4/5/68

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HARROLSON stated that his drugstore does put price tags on some articles. He stated that these price tags are labeled Liggett Rexall, and then the price of the article is written on the price tag and the price tag is put on the article.

HARROLSON stated that sacks in which merchandise is placed do not carry the name of his drugstore. He stated that the only other labels used by his drugstore are the labels which are put on prescriptions and that these carry the name G and H Rexall Drugs, Columbus, Mississippi; however, these are not placed on toilet articles.

HARROLSON continued that Liggett Rexall Drugs is a chain operation throughout the South. He stated that his drugstore is the only Liggett Rexall Drugs in the state of Mississippi; however, other Liggett Rexall Drugs are predominant in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

HARROLSON was given a description of the unknown subject, and he stated he could not recall having sold any Head and Shoulders shampoo or Palmolive Rapid Shave to any individual answering this description.

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SONNY SMITH, clerk, G and H Liggett Rexall Drug Company, Columbus, Mississippi, stated he could not recall selling any articles to an individual answering the description of the unknown subject.

On 4/5/68 at Columbus, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA BRENT W. WARBERG & SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN:BWW:mif Date dictated 4/5/68

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ROBERT A. MC PHERSON, Mississippi Wholesale Hardware, ~~Columbus, Mississippi~~, stated that he knew of no Compage or Rompage Hardware in or around the area of Columbus, Mississippi. He stated that the only way he would be able to check something like this would be through Dun and Bradstreet and even at that, he would have to have the name of a city.

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The following investigation was conducted at Columbus, Mississippi, on April 11, 1968, by SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

TOMMY HARROLSON, owner and manager, G&H Leggitt Rexall Drugs, Columbus, Mississippi, stated that gummed stickers used to mark merchandise in his store are marked with a black marking pencil. He stated that no code numbers are used on these stickers. HARROLSON continued that the Leggitt Rexall Drug Company does have several company owned stores and it is possible that the code used on the gummed labels in company stores may be standarized by the company. He continued that these codes generally give the wholesale price of the article and the date the article is marked. He stated the two outlets for Leggitt Drugs are at their main headquarters in Stanford, Connecticut, and at their southern warehouse in Jacksonville, Florida.

HARROLSON was shown photographs which displayed a tube of Head and Shoulders Shampoo, and an aerosol can of Palmolive Rapid Shave, and stated that according to the gummed labels these articles did not come from his store.

A composite photograph of the unknown subject was shown to HARROLSON and to the other employee of the drug store, SONNY SMITH. Both stated this person was unfamiliar to them.

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On April 8, 1968, Mr. HILLIS MC LEMORE, Manager, Graham Paper Company, 750 Ricks, Jackson, Mississippi, advised SA PAUL R. ALKER that the name "Homestead" is the trade name for paper bags distributed by Graham Paper Company. He stated the bag could have been manufactured in a number of mills which manufacture bags for Graham under the trade name and that possibly the point of manufacture could be identified by examination of the bag itself at St. Louis. He stated that they might be able to recognize the die used to imprint the trade name, as there would probably be some slight difference at each of the mills.

He stated that 90 percent of the business in the State of Mississippi is sales to jobbers, who in turn sell to individual stores or retailers. He stated his territory covers central Mississippi, but that he does go up as far as Greenville and Indianola on the west side of the state, but drops down to Macon on the east of the state. Mr. MC LEMORE stated that the Memphis distributor, CHRIS REHKOPF, covers northern Mississippi and that the New Orleans Office covers southern Mississippi. He stated that if given the size of the bag each distributor could tell to which jobbers he had sold bags of that size within the past three months. He stated it would then be necessary to find out from the jobbers to whom they had sold bags.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM C. MEARNS, at Belzoni, Mississippi:

On April 6, 1968, Mayor HANK GANTZ, Belzoni, Mississippi, was advised concerning the description of the subject. He stated he knows of nobody in Humphreys County who meets the description who he believes would be involved in the assassination. GANTZ advised that Liggett - Rexall is a chain of drugstores owned by the Rexall Drugs. He stated that there used to be two Liggett - Rexall Stores on the Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee. He advised that there may be some Liggett - Rexall's in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Klan activities general and JOHN BOWLIN and MURKIN

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Tupelo, Mississippi
April 12, 1968

This informant advised that DALE ODUS WALTON, 804 West Jackson Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, the former Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Green Forest, KRICK [REDACTED]

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Informant related that several weekends ago he was at Walton's store when a man now known to him as L.F. Mathews was at Walton's. He said this individual was wanting Walton to donate or help raise money for the defense of some klanman in south Mississippi. He related that does not believe that Walton is in any position to raise or donate any money at this time.

This informant further stated that he does not believe that there is any klan activity in the Tupelo, Miss. area. He said however JOHN BOULIN of Saltillo, Miss. still talks about the klan but is not doing anything about it.

Informant said he does not have any information concerning the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and has heard very little conversation concerning the murder. He advised that Dale Walton was viewed by him at his store on Saturday afternoon March 30, 1968

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TO: ATLANTA

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

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ATLANTA FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX, AND
ATLANTA SEVEN SIX DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN SIX, WAS MENTIONED
IN MATTER CAPTIONED, ALLEGED OFFER OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISS.,
TO ANYONE WHO KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, ATLANTA SHOULD SUBMIT NAMES,
DESCRIPTIONS AND FBI NUMBERS TO BUREAU AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS
IN CAPTIONED MATTER. PHOTO OF NISSEN AVAILABLE AT ATLANTA.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, PHILADELPHIA, PHOENIX, PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO,
SAN ANTONIO, SEATTLE
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE HAS DETERMINED THAT COMPLETE FILES OF
LOUISIANA DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION ARE COMPUTERIZED AND A SEARCH
UNDER THE BIRTH DATE OF JULY TWENTY, THIRTY-ONE DISCLOSED THAT FIFTY
WHITE MALES HAVE THIS BIRTH DATE AND HAVE BEEN ISSUED DRIVERS LICENSES
IN LOUISIANA. ALTHOUGH THE NAMES OF GALT, LOWMYER, WILLARD OR
VARIATIONS THEREOF DO NOT APPEAR AMONG THESE FIFTY WHITE MALES, THE
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE SHOULD CHECK OUT THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY
PERTINENT INFORMATION CONNECTED WITH THIS CASE.

OTHER RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DO LIKEWISE IF DRIVERS LICENSE
RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED IN A SIMILAR MANNER IN STATES COVERED BY YOUR
OFFICES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
JACKSON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN.

ARTHUR YEAKEL, PATROLMAN, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA,
PD, ADVISED WHILE WORKING AT A SPECIAL OFFICE ON APRIL
THIRTEEN LAST IN SAN BERNARDINO, HE WAS APPROACHED
BY A WHITE MALE TRAVELING ALONE WHO ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS
TO GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA.

INDIVIDUAL, CARRYING MAP OF LOS ANGELES AREA IN HAND
WITH GLENDALE DASH PASADENA AREA CIRCLED, WAS DRIVING
FIFTY FIVE TO FIFTY SEVEN FORD, MEDIUM BLUE OVER DARK
BLUE IN COLOR, MISSISSIPPI LICENSE, ITAWAMBA COUNTY, NO.
TWO NINE FOUR SEVEN ZERO ZERO.

YEAKEL STATED INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE OF SAME OFF
CLOSE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AS LISTED IN NEWSPAPERS FOR
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APPEARING IN NEWSPAPERS, ALTHOUGH HAIR LINE NOT AS
RECEDED OR NOSE NOT AS POINTED. YEAKEL OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL
LEAVING IN VEHICLE TOWARD GENERAL DIRECTION OF GLENDALE.

JACKSON ASCERTAIN TO WHOM LICENSE ISSUED AND CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY CURRENT DRIVER OF
VEHICLE.

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TO SAC, JACKSON

FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854)

SUBJECT MURKIN

RE: RICHARD ANTHONY BARRETT *Index*

Enclosed for the Jackson Office is a letter received from GILBERT R. HUGHES, and also two pamphlets concerning RICHARD BARRETT and America's Victory Force.

As explained in the letter, HUGHES merely speculates that BARRETT could have had something to do with the MURKIN matter and as it is not known to the Newark Office to what extent investigation regarding BARRETT has been done, no leads are being set forth.

HUGHES' letter has been acknowledged.

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TO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME.

RE URTEL ^{THIS DATE} ~~APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST~~.

RECORDS OF ALL BARGES AND TOWING COMPANIES IN GREENVILLE,
VICKSBURG AND NATCHEZ, MISS., CHECKED ON APRIL ELEVEN
LAST UNDER THE NAMES JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER AND
ERIC STARVO GALT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INSERTS BEING
FORWARDED MEMPHIS.

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7:15PM 4-16-68 URGENT LDG

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME.

RE URTEL THIS DATE.

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PM URGENT 4-16-68 SAB

TO NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: ME.

ERIC S. GALT HAS REFERRED TO WORKING ABOARD MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOATS AND BARGES AS COOK. USCG, MEMPHIS, STATE NO USCG PAPERS NECESSARY FOR THIS CAPACITY IN INLAND WATERS SO LONG AS REQUIRED DECK AND ENGINE PERSONNEL ARE DOCUMENTED ABOARD EACH VESSEL. LISTED ARE MAJOR SOURCES OF EMPLOYMENT AT NEW ORLEANS AND GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, FOR RIVERBOAT AND BARGEMEN.

JACKSON AT GREENVILLE, CONTACT GREENVILLE, BRENT, VALLEY AND DELTA TOWING COMPANIES, AND GREENVILLE FUEL SERVICE TO DETERMINE IF GALT WAS PAST EMPLOYEE OR IF NEW EMPLOYEE FITTING GALT'S DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN HIRED SINCE APRIL NINE, LAST.

NEW ORLEANS CONTACT THE FOLLOWING WITH SAME PURPOSE AS JACKSON DIVISION:

ACBL TOWING; AIPLE TOWING; BARGE & SHIP SERVICE; BARNETT TOWING; BATON ROUGE TOWING CO.; BISSO TOWING AND SALVAGE; BOATEL, INC.; BROWN AND ROOT, INC.; CHEVRON GIL;

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all Barge & Towing companies contacted on 4-11-68 at Greenville by SA Neely with neg. results.

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CENAC TOWING; CHOTIN, INC.; COLLINS TOWING; COMMERCIAL
TRANSPORT CORP.; CONTINENTAL BARGES, INC.; CRESCENT TOWING
SALVAGE; DELTA SHIP SERVICE; DIXIE CARRIERS; DONAHUE BROS.;
EDWARDS TRANSPORTATION; FEDERAL BARGE LINES; FREEPORT SULPHUR
CO.; GRAY TOWING CO.; GONZALES WELDING AND FABRICATION;
HALTER MARINE SERVICE; HARVEY TUG AND BARGE; HUMBLE OIL
REFINING; HUNT SHIPYARD; INDIAN TOWING CO.; INGRAM BARGE CO.;
JAHNCKE SERVICE, INC.; JONES TOWING; THOMAS JORDAN, INC.;
KOCH-ELLIS MARINE CONTRACTORS; LONE STAR CEMENT CO.;
LOCAL TUGS, INC.- VENICE, LA.; JAY RAY MC DERMOTT; MC DONAUGH
MARINE SERVICE; MISS. VALLEY BARGE LINE; NATIONAL MARINE SERVICE;
POINT LANDING, INC.; OIL TRANSPORT CO.; PORT SHIP SERVICE;
ROBIN BOAT RENTAL SERVICE; RUSSELL WOLFE AND CO.; SABINE
TOWING CO.; SAUCER MARINE SERVICE; SHELL OIL CO.; SOUTHERN
SHIPBUILDING CORP.; STAR TOWING CO.; TIDEX, BERWICK, LA.;
TWENTY GRAND TOWING; UNION BARGE LINES CORP.; UNIVERSAL
MARINE; VIC'S BOAT RENTAL; GEO. W. WHITEMAN; GEORGE ENGINE CO.
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NEW ORLEANS WILL ALSO DETERMINE WHAT COMPANIES IF ANY
HAD MARINE CONSTRUCTION CREWS AT MONTREAL JULY THIRTY-ONE,
LAST, AS GALT AT THAT TIME WAS USING MONTREAL, QUEBEC,
CANADA ADDRESS.

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INQUIRIES, NO INDICATION SHOULD
BE GIVEN INQUIRIES ARE IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

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Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is one typed letter and envelope addressed to "POLICE CHIEF OF MERIDIAN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI", postmarked 4/12/68, and fingerprint card containing fingerprints of Chief of Police C. L. GUNN, Meridian, Mississippi.

On 4/15/68, Chief of Police C. L. GUNN, Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department, made available a carbon copy of a typed letter dated 4/12/68, and signed "COON AMEN". He stated that he received this letter at the Meridian PD on this date and is the only person who handled it. He added that he has no idea who sent this letter, that he knows no one in New York City, and was making it available for whatever assistance it might be in this investigation. He added that the letter and the envelope is all the information he has concerning this matter.

The following is the contents of the letter furnished by Chief GUNN:

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"An exact copy of my letter
to 7 various officers as of yesterday,
Good Thursday, 11-th of April, 1968

Coon Amen,
Harlem, New York.

Good Friday 12-th of
April, 1968

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"Please pass on to all the authorities wherever possible - to discontinue the search of a white man, as the killer of Martin Lucifer King, because the smart killer is right now in his own family. He is one of his own Civil Rights Urinators and a negro, not a white. I was among them myself in 1965, there were many young nuts, such as was I, and also many whites. However, God opened my eyes in Alabama, when I witnessed the behavior of our marchers under King's leadership. He was a devil's minister, taking all the money he could from the jews, and was doing his work under their leadership and demand. Those were communist jews.

"While marching in Alabama in 1965-it was in spring-we were instructed by King's advisers-red-rat-jews to do the following:

"A group of our negroes forced their way into a nice restaurant; on a given signal, all the negroes grabbed the sugar bawls off the tables; stood up and urinated into them, amid laughter, replaced the bals on the tables-MLK laughed approvingly.

"This is the reason why I, and many others, turned against him, and it was God's will that he was shot by one of his own disciples, a negro, not a white. Please stop all your sham broadcastings and grateful homage for that killed Martin Lucifer King - he was against our best President LBJ - for the nut hippie Bobby Kennedy, who hates the President because he was not appointed as Vice Pres. when his brother JFK was murdered the same way as was MLK. Senate should prohibit all marches at least for the duration of this war, and specially in our Capital. Now the white people are to be more against us for the crazy revolts, murders and damages.

Amen!

"Our hope is still in LBJ - God let him be again our President. The second best is HHH, but Hippie Bobby and his conspirators are politically just as good as dead. God save USA with LBJ all the way.

C. Amen.

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"I am mailing the Police drawing of suspected killer of Dr.K. which appeared on page 2 in yesterday's Daily News, as a white man, who actually is a negro, but a brown one, made white with cream etc. - however, I made it with a crayon darker so they may find him in Atlanta in the King's family.

"You must understand that I cannot reveal my real name and address, although I actually do live in Harlen. Please do not hesitate to use my information, because it is God's truth.

"I am mailing 7 Of these letters to various places - why 7? Because yesterday was Good Thursday, the last supper of Jesus Christ, as a reminder of HIS seven words on the Cross:

'Into Your Hands I command my soul!'

"May your Easter be blessed!

"Sincerely,

"Coon Amen, 23 years old"

The Identification Division is requested to process this letter for latent fingerprints and compare any prints located with prints developed in this investigation. Any prints developed should be compared with those contained in the single fingerprint section.

One copy of this communication is being furnished New York for information in view of their investigative interest.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

APRIL 16, 1968

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Office is an insert and an FD-302, fifteen copies of each, total 30 enclosures, concerning investigation related to Friendship Inns in Mississippi.

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FLORENCE MARSHALL, Marshall Motel, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. She made available the registration records of the Marshall Motel, a Friendship Inn.

The registration records for the Marshall Motel were searched for the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, JOHN WILLARD, WILLIAM DELL LEHMEYER and ERIC STARVOGALT. The records failed to reflect that any of these individuals had stayed at the Marshall Motel from a period of March 20, 1968 through April 3, 1968.

Mrs. MARSHALL stated that since the first of the year their motel has not lost any articles, including towels, bedspreads, et cetera from the motel.

She further stated that their motel uses Cashmere Bouquet soap and this soap is wrapped in Cashmere Bouquet wrapping. She stated the motel has not exhausted its supply of this soap, but when it does, they will use soap bearing a Friendship Inn label.

On 4/11/68 at WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA BRENT W. WARBERG /jdh Date dictated 4/12/68

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS E. BURG:

W. H. BOYLES, Manager, Dumas Motel, advised SA
THOMAS E. BURG on April 11, 1968, that he had no records
of the following persons having stayed at his motel during
March or April, 1968:

ERIC STARVO GALT
JOHN WILLARD
JOHN WILLARD LOWMEYER
HARVEY LOWMYER
HARVEY LOWMEYER

He stated that a review of his registration cards
failed to indicate anyone who stayed there driving a 1966
Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license.

BOYLES advised that he has not as yet used any
Friendship Inns Soap at his motel, although he presently
has several boxes of this soap which he plans for future
use.

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Date: 4/16/68

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TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Bureau, Birmingham,
Jackson, Memphis, and Minneapolis.

License 17B-528 is a De Soto County, Miss.,
license. Jackson handling.

Memphis and Minneapolis disregard leads in
re teletype.

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Office are three FD-302's, fifteen copies of each, total 45 enclosures, concerning investigation in the Jackson Division of JOHN H. WILLARD who has a record of arrest for arson in the files of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department.

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Date 4/15/68

Mrs. GLORIA GIBSON, Clerk, Personnel Department, Day-Brite Lighting Company, Incorporated, South Green Street, and Day-Brite Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi, made available the time cards for JOHN H. WILLARD for review. These time cards revealed the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
Friday, March 29, 1968	6:46	3:32
Saturday, March 30, 1968	6:45	3:31
Sunday, March 31, 1968	No Work	
Monday, April 1, 1968	6:46	3:32
Tuesday, April 2, 1968	6:45	3:31
Wednesday, April 3, 1968	6:45	3:31
Thursday, April 4, 1968	6:46	3:32

Mrs. GIBSON advised that a review of the personnel records at Day-Brite failed to reveal any record of a HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOEFMEYER, or ERIC STARVO GALT, as being a current or past employee of the company.

She also stated that the records did not reveal that there are any other JOHN WILLIARDS employed at the company other than the JOHN H. WILLARD mentioned above.

On 4/12/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

SA JOHN S. CASTLES

by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN JSC/wgj Date dictated 4/12/68

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Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS, manager, Credit Bureau of Tupelo, Mississippi, stated that she has no file identifiable with JOHN H. WILLARD; however, she stated she knows WILLARD personally through his wife, BARBARA WILLARD, who formerly worked for Mrs. EDWARDS at the Tupelo Credit Bureau and is presently the manager of the Credit Bureau at Oxford, Mississippi.

Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she has personal knowledge that JOHN H. WILLARD is presently employed at the Day Brite Lighting Company, Incorporated, Tupelo, Mississippi. She stated that as far as she knows, JOHN WILLARD is an honest, trustworthy individual, who does not normally get involved in any type of trouble. She stated that to the best of her knowledge WILLARD presently owns a pickup truck and his wife drives a new 1968 white Volkswagen. Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she has never known WILLARD to be a radical individual; nor has she ever known him to carry any firearms.

Mrs. EDWARDS stated that she could not furnish any additional information concerning JOHN H. WILLARD, since she and Mrs. WILLARD are not in daily contact since BARBARA WILLARD is no longer employed at the Tupelo Credit Bureau.

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by SA DONALD H. GREENE:mif Date dictated 4/8/68

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Mrs. W. J. BAKER, Circuit Clerk, Pontotoc County, Mississippi, advised that the Circuit Court records reveal that one JOHN H. WILLARD of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, was indicted by the Circuit Court Grand Jury during the June term of 1958 for arson. When WILLARD appeared in court he entered a plea of guilty and was placed on probation for three years, which probation terminated May 3, 1961.

Mrs. BAKER advised that she is not personally acquainted with WILLARD but stated that in 1958 Mr. M. C. HEMBREE, who currently resides in the Ecrú community of Pontotoc County, Mississippi, was sheriff.

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by SA JOHN S. CASTLES:mif Date dictated 4/8/68

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Enclosed for the Memphis Division are six report inserts, fifteen copies of each, total 75 enclosures, concerning investigation in the Jackson Division to locate a 1966 Mustang, white in color, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN WILLIAM NEELLEY:

Vehicle registration records for Washington County were reviewed on April 5, 1968, and April 6, 1968, concerning all Ford Mustangs license in Washington County. On April 6, 1968, Chief of Police WILLIAM C. BURNLEY, Captain ROY LONG, Captain HARVEY TACKETT, and several other older members of the Greenville Police Department as well as one reportedly highly reliable source of the Greenville, Mississippi, Police Department, reviewed names of all persons owning Mustang automobiles in Washington County, in an effort to locate individuals with white Mustangs and other persons who have shown in any way a propensity for violence or strong opposition to the civil rights movement.

Chief of Police HAROLD SHAW, Hollandale, Mississippi, reviewed names of individuals in the Hollandale, Mississippi, area having Mustang automobiles on April 6, 1968, with no suspects being developed. No Klansmen in the Hollandale area have white Mustangs.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN S. CASTLES on April 11, 1968.

A physical check was made of the following
airports in effort to determine if a white Mustang
was located at the airport or had been abandoned at
the airport. No white Mustang was located.

Tupelo Municipal Airport, Tupelo,
Mississippi.

Pontotoc County Airport, Pontotoc,
Mississippi.

Baldwyn-Booneville Airport, Prentiss
County, Mississippi.

On April 11, 1968 a physical check was made
of the airport in Alcorn County near Corinth, Mississippi,
by SA DONALD H. GREENE. No white Mustang was located.

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The following investigation was conducted
by SA WILLIAM BLACKETTER and SA ANTHONY E. DANIELS:

On April 11, 1968, the parking lots of the
following motels were checked in an attempt to locate
a 1966 white Mustang automobile bearing 1968 Alabama
license 1-38993, with negative results: ~~AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI~~

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
On Highway 80 East:

Airways Inn
Chathams Motel
Lakeview Motel
Madden's Motel
Mid-South Motel
Russum Motel

On Highway 80 West:

Alamo Plaza Motel
Bill Will Motel
Drake Motel
Flamingo Motel
Holiday Inn Motel
Hyatt Lodge
Holiday Terrace
Ideal Motel
Ramada Inn
Stonewall Jackson Motel

Miscellaneous locations

Downtowner Motor Inn
225 East Capitol

Holiday Sands Motel
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Jackson Travelodge
500 West Capitol

Redwood Court
1434 Terry Road

Sun-N-Sand
401 North Lamar

Tarrymore Motel
1951 Terry Road

Travel Inn Motel
Highway 55 South

The following parking facilities were checked
with negative results:

First National Bank Parking Garage
200 block East Amite

Allright Auto Park
corner Amite and Lamar

Allright Auto Park
100 block West Capitol

McRae's Parking
100 block North Farrish

Henry's Standard Service, basement of
Milner Building, corner of Pearl and Lamar

Heidelberg Hotel Parking Lot
Pearl Street

Pearl Auto Park
200 block West Pearl Street

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On April 11, 1968, SA FLOYD B. HANNON, III, visually checked the following locations for the suspect white 1966 Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993, with negative results:

Thompson Municipal Airport,
Jackson, Mississippi,

Hawkins Airfield,
Jackson, Mississippi,

North Jackson Air Service,
Madison, Mississippi,

Admiral Benbow Inn Motel,
903 North State,
Jackson, Mississippi,

Holiday Inn Motel,
Highway 51 North,
Jackson, Mississippi,

Jacksonian Motel,
Highway 51 North,
Jackson, Mississippi,

Sheraton Motor Inn,
Highway 51 North,
Jackson, Mississippi

Zebra Motel,
Highway 51 North,
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Ridgeland Terrace Motel,
Highway 51,
Ridgeland, Mississippi,

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Avalon Motel,
4806 Delta Drive,
Jackson, Mississippi,

Baker's Motel,
4716 Delta Drive,
Jackson, Mississippi,

Oaklawn Courts,
Route 2,
Jackson, Mississippi,

Plaza Motel,
3225 Delta Drive,
Jackson, Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY:

AT HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

On April 11, 1968, a physical check was made of the Hattiesburg Municipal Airport at which time it was determined that no 1966 white Mustang, bearing 1968 Alabama, license 1-38993 had been abandoned at this airport.

A check with Hattiesburg Police Department, Forrest County Sheriff's Office, and Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, determined that no automobile answering the above description has been recovered abandoned at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
EDGAR L. O'NEILL, JR.:

AT PASCAGOULA AND MOSS POINT, MISSISSIPPI

The following individuals were contacted regarding
a white Mustang vehicle bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993.
These contacts were all made on April 11, 1968:

J. D. GIBSON, Chief of Detectives, Pascagoula
Police Department, advised that their records reflect that
no Mustang has been found abandoned or ordered towed during
April, 1968.

ROBERT KEY, Deputy Sheriff, Jackson County Sheriff's
Office, Pascagoula, Mississippi, advised he had no informa-
tion relating to a Mustang automobile during April, 1968.

CHARLES BARBER, Chief of Police, Moss Point,
Mississippi, Police Department, advised that his records
reflect no information regarding any Mustang vehicle during
April, 1968.

All of the above were requested to alert all members
of their respective departments and to notify the FBI at
Gulfport, Mississippi, Resident Agency concerning any Mustang
vehicle subsequently abandoned or ordered towed.

Contact with all of the above revealed that only
four automobile towing services are used by these departments,
and only George's Auto Service offers any local storage
facilities indoors. Thereafter, the following persons were
contacted:

CARL ROBERTSON, Jackson County Wrecker Service,
Short Cut Road, Moss Point, Mississippi, telephone
475-5113.

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~~CARL WOODWARD~~, Spray Craft, Incorporated,
1070 Old Mobile Highway, Pascagoula,
Mississippi.

~~GEORGE VERSIGA~~, George's Auto Service,
1114 Telephone Road, Pascagoula, Mississippi

~~Mrs. JOHN SMITH~~, Smith's Autobody and Towing
Service, U. S. Highway 90, Pascagoula,
Mississippi

Each person affiliated with a towing service as above-listed advised they have not towed a Mustang since March, 1968. None have any Mustangs currently in storage. All stated they would notify the FBI should they develop information about any Mustang vehicle, regardless of color or license.